Public Meeting

September 27, 2011

California Natural Resources Agency
- Amended MOA signed by DWR, Reclamation and water agencies
  - Allows for analysis and review of conservation measures and water supply measures
  - Addresses funding issues - budgeting, cost sharing and funding - to conduct analysis
DELTA RECREATION PLAN
EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS FOR POTENTIAL DELTA CONVEYANCE OPTIONS
Revised draft Chapter 7 made available Sept. 15
  - Federal agencies currently reviewing; comments complete in mid-October
    - Send comments to jerry.meral@resources.ca.gov
  - Sept. 21 and Oct. 6 working group meetings cancelled
  - Next working group meeting: Nov. 2, 11:30 - 3:00
BIOLOGICAL GOALS + OBJECTIVES
Aquatic Species Objectives

- Working group developing objectives for 11 covered fish species, following June 2001 Science Advisors Report recommendations

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Process to Refine Aquatic Species Objectives

- Process report out on September 1
- Technical/public review: Sept. 30-Oct. 14
- Working group review: Oct. 21-31
- Finalize G+Os for covered fish species: Oct. 31
- Next working group meeting: Oct. 13 at 1 pm
YOLO BYPASS FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT PLANNING TEAM
September 23 meeting: Key Issues discussed

- Operational parameters for the Fremont Weir Gated Channel
- Related agricultural, waterfowl, and fishery restoration considerations
Next Steps

- Future meetings to
  - Focus on further refinements to operational parameters
  - Discuss flood protection, methylmercury, and vector control
  - Review agricultural and waterfowl study results
  - Review Effects Analysis results
  - Discuss approach to developing the Yolo Bypass Fishery Enhancement Plan.

- Next meeting: October 14, 9 am to 12 pm
Working toward developing a conservation measure to provide habitat benefits and flood improvements in south Delta.

Examining four conceptual corridors for restoration activities:

- Vernalis to Paradise Cut
- Old River/Paradise Cut
- Middle River
- Mainstem San Joaquin River
September 15 meeting: Key Issues discussed

- Opportunities and considerations: dredging
- Comments on corridor architecture
- Next steps
  - Meeting and field tour on Oct. 7
Delta Agriculture
Consider methods to make terrestrial and aquatic habitat restoration more compatible with ongoing agricultural operations; address impacts to existing agriculture and mitigation.
September 13 meeting: Key issues and concerns raised

Effects from adjacent restored land (e.g. seepage)

- Increased restrictions on agricultural practices due to increased endangered species on adjacent agricultural lands
- Increased presence of listed species at agricultural diversions
- Water quality and salinity for agricultural irrigation
- Water elevation changes at agricultural intakes
- Increased risk of levee failure
- Weed control on habitat lands
- Compile feedback; consider how best to focus the working group
- Consider issues-approach or geographic approach to future meetings
ADAPTIVE LIMITS OF WATERS OPERATIONS CRITERIA
September 22 meeting review

Focus of meeting:
- Role of adaptive limits
- Charge to group

Key issues and concerns raised
- Working group charge too broad
- Need for goals and objectives
- Base limits on biological considerations
Next Steps

- Develop proposal for group to consider
- Next working group meeting
  - Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m.