

Meeting: Yolo Bypass Fishery Enhancement Planning Team

Location: 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131

Date: September 23, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Attendees:

| Affiliation | Name |
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| American Rivers | John Cain |
| Central Valley Joint Venture | Greg Yarris |
| Colusa Basin Drain District | Gene Massa |
| Conaway Ranch | Maya Kepner |
| Consultant | Doug Brown |
| CVRWQCB | Chris Foe |
| Defenders of Wildlife | Kelly Catlett |
| Delta Stewardship Council | Marina Brand |
| DFG | Carl Wilcox |
| DFG | Erin Aquino-Carhart |
| DFG | Jason Roberts |
| DFG | Neil Clipperton |
| Dixon Resource Conservation District | John Currey |
| Ducks Unlimited | Jeff McCreary |
| Ducks Unlimited | Aaron Will |
| DWR | Marianne Kirkland |
| DWR – DFM | David Martasian |
| Facilitator | Janet Barbieri |
| Farmer/Landowner | Ron Tadlock |
| ICF International | Chris Soncarty |
| Individual | Robert Morrow |
| Knaggs | John Brennan |
| Knaggs Ranch/Cal Marsh and Farm | David Katz |
| Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA | Tom Philp |
| MWD Outreach | Chuck Dalldorf |
| N. CA Water Association | David Guy |
| Natural Resources Conservation Service | Luana Kiger |
| NOAA | Mike Tucker |
| Resources Agency | Jerry Meral |
| Resources Agency | Karla Nemeth |
| State Water Contractors | Laura King Moon |
| Swanston Ranch | Mike Lear |
| URS | Tiffany Mendoza |
| USBR | Becky Victorine |
| USBR | Josh Israel |
| USFWS | Heather Webb |
| WaterWise Consulting | Sophia Unger |
| Westlands Water District | Jason Peltier |
| Yolo Basin Foundation | Robin Kulakow |
| Yolo County | Petrea Marchand |

Meeting Summary

Karla Nemeth gave introductory remarks on where the group left off and where we expect to go with this meeting. Ms. Nemeth introduced the two charts that the discussion will focus on. The purpose will be to capture initial reactions on the handout and then go back and resolve outstanding issues in the discussion.

Further explanation of the chart included breaking down the operational proposed operations by date: Before November 10, November 10-November 30, December 1 – February 15, March 1 – March 23, March 24 – April 10, April 11 – May 15, and Later than May 16.

Marianne Kirkland spoke to the modeling data that informed the compilation of the proposal.

Key discussion focused on the following issues:

- Timing of the draw down of water as it relates to foraging habitat for waterfowl.
- Waterfowl habitat needs in relation to the inundation footprint, water depth, agriculture, and other considerations.
- Need to understand the specific fish benefits as it relates to the timing, especially moving past February 28.
- Constraint on water that can be brought over the Fremont Weir as a result of flooding from Westside tributaries.
- Impacts and benefits to fish of a variety of depth and temperature and the ability to fluctuate flows to create this habitat.
- Length of inundation as it relates to food that is available to fish.
- Interest in data on the benefits to fish of a larger inundation area.
- Use of adaptive management to gauge the benefits of larger inundation area.
- February 15 being the end of the zero impact period for agriculture production.
- Need for an event in the March 1 – May 15 period every 5-7 years to benefit splittail population.
- Similarly, if other habitat restoration proposed in the BDCP may improve splittail conditions and reduce the need for this to happen in the Bypass.
- Need to consider drainage among the considerations.
- Need for more information on what mitigation for agriculture would include.

Additionally, four key pieces of information are under development that are needed to complete work and understand the interplay between the many considerations. These include:

- Waterfowl Study
- Agricultural data being compiled by Yolo County
- Data on the Westside tributaries as it relates to moving water over the Weir
- Effects Analysis addressing anticipated fish benefits

Next Steps

- Refine the ideas and the charts with further detail and bring back for further discussion.
- Revise the meeting trajectory to allow group more time to consider and comment on the proposal.

- Clarify how the Effects Analysis will address the proposed Yolo Bypass Conservation Measure.

Next Meeting (Time and Place):

The next is scheduled for October 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Prepared by: Tiffany Mendoza