

CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

Remand Stakeholder Engagement (RSE) Process Conference Call with Invited Stakeholders

November 30, 2012, 1:00pm – 1:30p.m.
Bay-Delta Office, 801 I Street, Sacramento, CA

Conference Call Participants: See list (attached)

Reclamation RSE Process Team

Name	Affiliation
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Call Summary:

This document summarizes the November 30, 2012, Remand Stakeholder Engagement (RSE) process conference call. It focuses on key agenda items and related Questions & Answers and next steps. The summary is not intended to be a transcript of the conference call.

The summary will be posted online at: www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice/Documents/remand.

Agenda Item: Reclamation's Approach to NEPA Alternatives

Sue Fry, Reclamation's Bay-Delta Office Manager, welcomed the Invited Stakeholders to the call and confirmed that the purpose for the call was to follow up on the November 16 RSE process meeting discussion of Reclamation's approach to comparisons of NEPA alternatives. After considering the different issues and points of view, Reclamation has identified the following path forward:

- A single No Action Alternative that is a continuation of Reclamation's continuing management and policy direction: the 2011 Project Description as modified (e.g., Red Bluff gates) with the Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives (RPAs)

- An Historical Basis of Comparison: the 2011 Project Description as modified with no RPAs
- An alternative (likely Alternative 1) that is identical to the Historical Basis of Comparison: the 2011 Project Description as modified with no RPAs
- Additional alternatives
- All alternatives will be compared to both the No Action Alternative and the Historical Basis of Comparison

Reclamation will compare the No Action Alternative to the Historical Basis of Comparison, and will compare Alternative 1 to the No Action Alternative. This approach will allow Reclamation to identify both the positive and negative effects of each alternative relative to each basis of comparison and will allow Reclamation to satisfy the District Court's direction to analyze the impacts to the human environment (e.g. socioeconomic impacts) of implementing the RPAs.

- Question: What does "as modified" mean relative to the 2011 Project Description?
 - Response: Reclamation will update the 2011 Project Description to reflect changes since August 2011 and to incorporate suggested edits and revisions to improve its accuracy and clarity.
- Question: Will we analyze upstream tributaries?
 - Response: Yes.
- Question: Will there be meeting notes from this conference call?
 - Response: Yes.
- Question: Will the Historical Basis of Comparison be based on the 2011 Project Description or on a true historical condition?
 - Response: The Historical Basis of Comparison is not a true historical condition as it does not go back in time.

Action Items and Next Steps

- As discussed on November 16, the next RSE process Invited Stakeholder meeting likely will be sometime in February. Reclamation will notify stakeholders as the schedule becomes clearer.