

## Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team

Spring Pulse Flow Planning Subgroup

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### Participants

Reclamation	Josh Israel, Elissa Buttermore, Suzanne Manugian
USFWS	Jim Earley
NMFS	Evan Sawyer, Flora Cordoleani, Cyril Michel
CDFW	Duane Linander, Matt Johnson, Ken Kundargi
DWR	Kevin Reece
SWRCB	Michael Macon
SRSC	Anne Williams
Kearns & West	Terra Alpaugh, Alyson Scurlock

#### Action Items

- Kearns & West to further research using Teams with outside members
- Kearns & West to refine language in the interests document
- Josh, Suzanne, Elissa, and Cyril to work on putting a draft outline together to edit at next meeting on 11/3
- Reclamation and NMFS to start prepare modeling presentations on SacPas and the NMFS model respectively

#### Key Discussion Topics with Summary of Perspectives, Outcomes, and Agreements

##### *Meeting Objectives*

1. Confirm mutual understanding of the Spring Pulse Flow Proposed Action and study plan development process/deliverables outlined in the guidance document
2. Confirm the schedule for spring pulse flow planning
3. Refine/expand interests that must be considered in developing spring pulse flow options
4. Establish next steps for identifying tools and proposing scenarios

##### *Microsoft Teams*

Kearns & West is proposing to use the Teams platform to share and collaborate on documents and asked the group if there were any known issues using Teams outside of their own organizations.

- NMFS members may not be able to access through NOAA.
- USFWS noted that accessing the files looked different than when they use Teams with Reclamation.

- Kearns & West will further research how to navigate Teams with outside members. As an alternative, Kearns & West can incorporate NMFS comments in the draft (if they are the only group that cannot access) or attachments can be sent via email.

### ***Guidance Document***

Reclamation provided an overview of the guidance document and walked the group through the different sections, encouraging group members to review the Spring Pulse flows section.

### ***Spring Pulse Flows Planning Timeline***

Kearns & West created a schedule based on the guidance document that includes columns that summarize available information from the guidance document and what the group and larger USST will be focusing on per month in terms of drafting and decision-making. Kearns & West reviewed the tentative schedule for the upcoming months of October-December:

- October
  - Review guidance document and schedule
  - Confirm deliverables
  - Explore interests and constraints related to spring pulse flow
- November
  - Discuss SacPAS and other modeling approaches
  - Scenario planning
  - Draft outline for study plan and monitoring plan and share with the USST
- December
  - Draft study plan & monitoring plan
  - Share plan with USST on 12/15 and request comments by 12/22

Kearns & West asked the group for any adjustments to the timeline for the coming months.

- DWR said that exploring interests and constraints may come out more during scenario planning in the November meeting as their office is still working on how to approach things this coming water year.

### ***Interests Document***

Kearns & West reviewed the draft interests document and made any edits suggested by the group. Kearns & West will refine the language in the interests document for the next meeting.

### ***Next Steps***

- Reclamation (Josh, Suzanne, Elissa) and NMFS (Cyril) will work to put a draft outline together to work from at the next meeting.
- NMFS (Cyril) will present at one of the November meetings on their model they would use to quantify benefits of pulse flow.
- Josh will work with Suzanne and Elissa to put together a discussion of the SacPas model. The group can explore how each model could be utilized to help assess the benefits of the scenarios considered for the study plan.

- The Spring Flows subgroup will meet at least every other week for now and the group can decide if comments can be submitted electronically in December in absence of one of the meetings.

*Next Meeting*

Tuesday, November 3, 10:00-11:30 am