

MEETING NOTES

Project Name: LSJ/DS RFMP		Date:	3/20/14
Meeting Subject:	Inter-regional Coordination	Project No.:	
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Attendees: See Sign	-In Sheet Attached	_	

Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate coordination between the Upper, Mid and Lower SJ RFMP teams.

Discussion:

Introductions were made by attendees, followed by brief presentations of each RFMP effort.

The Upper, Mid, and Lower San Joaquin River Regions are all at about the same point the RFMP. Initial project lists have been developed and the RFMP teams are formulating screening and prioritization criteria. Financial planning is anticipated to begin soon for each of the regions as well. The Upper SJ indicated they had approximately 87 projects, the Mid SJ has about 27 projects, and the Lower SJ has about 185 projects. Some of these projects are detailed; others are only conceptual at this time. The LSJ Region indicated it may be useful to have an understanding of how the cost estimates of the projects in each region compare to the SSIA figures for each region.

Reservoir re-operation was discussed. Preliminary information on one approach to reservoir re-operation that aims to inundate floodplains more often, thereby promoting floodplain connectivity and restoration was presented. The following discussion indicated any reservoir re-operation may need an accompanying paradigm shift for reservoir operators. Greg Farley with DWR indicated a report on reservoir re-op is currently available, and a copy was circulated. The report and attachments are available here: http://www.water.ca.gov/system_reop/. The SJ regions support this concept in their respective RFMPs.

Transitory storage was also discussed. The Mid SJ region has some preliminary results from the 3 Amigos project. According to their data, the baseline condition yields a 10% reduction in flow downstream during a 30-yr event. Flow reductions for larger events have not been demonstrated.

Finally, all regions expressed interest in adopting a common project description for sediment management in their RFMPs.

The next meeting will be held at River Partners on May 22, 2014.

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