From: Maria Rea - NOAA Federal <maria.rea@noaa.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 9:40 AM To: Barry Thom - NOAA Federal

SRS update Subject:

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## Barry,

Thad, Lewis, and Roger caught me at the Sac River Science Partnership, and said they wanted to follow up on Tuesdays meeting. It's clear they had a post meeting and decided to try to work with us at the regional level after all. So we apparently made more progress than we thought we did on Tuesday, which was a difficult meeting.

Main message - they are postponing their elevation trip to DC. They want another meeting with us the week of April 22nd. They are suggesting in person with me, but you call in to save on travel (though if you can travel, that might be helpful) Their posture was a bit apologetic with me for coming on so strong, I said it is always good to talk, and I understood their posture, but I wasn't sure they really asked us questions about what we were thinking, and I thought we had more long-term common ground - - I explained again difficulties of section 7 process and finding short-term solution right now. That offered that if its a matter of the reintroduction pilot program - they will go to Reclamation and say it needs to be included, he also offered to use our temperature dependent mortality objectives in the proposed RPA amendment, and we also discussed writing up a drought plan of when they voluntarily take less water. This all sounds like real progress.

We can talk more on this, but I wanted to let you know. I'll try to find a bit more time to write up some ideas. - Maria

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Thad Bettner < tbettner@gcid.net> **Date:** April 12, 2019 at 8:02:24 AM PDT

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Cc: Kayla Mendonca <a href="mailto:kmendonca@gcid.net">kmendonca@gcid.net</a>>

**Subject: RE: BiOp Coordination** 

Maria,

Thanks for the chat yesterday with Lewis, Roger and myself.

For the rest of the group, we have postponed our DC trip until April 30 so we agreed to move the proposed April 17 call to the following week with a meeting potentially on 22, 23, or 24 and having Barry call in if he can't make it person.

Kayla will try and get some dates out on our side that work.

## Thanks!

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Kayla Mendonca On Behalf Of Thad Bettner

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:23 PM

**To:** Thad Bettner; Norma Hinton - NOAA Affiliate; beverly Pies - NOAA Federal; 'Barry Thom - NOAA Federal'; Lewis Bair; <a href="mailto:rcornwell@rivergardenfarms.com">rcornwell@rivergardenfarms.com</a>; Andy Hitchings; Meredith Nikkel; 'Maria Rea -

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**Subject:** BiOp Coordination

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