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Subject: ROC on LTO Tiger Team 11/26 Report Out

All --

Here's what was covered at today's Reclamation ROC on LTO Tiger Team Meeting. Hope it is helpful. There is NOT a meeting on Tues 11/27.

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Attendees (incomplete list of phone attendees):

- Russ Callejo, Armin Halston, Dave Mooney, Josh Israel, Ben Nelson, Katrina Harrison, Janice Pinero; Reclamation
- Paul Souza, Kaylee Allen, Jana Affonso; USFWS
- Lori Caramanian; DOI
- Catherine McClavin; DWR
- Brooke Jacobs; DFW

Topics
There was no agenda, but a few topics shuffled in order to accommodate Paul's schedule.

- Reviewed (and slightly revised) a schedule for outreach (does not include NEPA tasks):

  Meeting Schedules and Meeting Function
  11/30 - Baseline done
  12/4 - Water User Meeting on Proposed Action
  12/7 - WIIN 4004c Stakeholder meeting on PA. Will includes NGOs.
  12/14 - Draft BA effects analysis delivered to Rec
  12/31 - Draft BA complete
  1/10 - Water User Meeting on Effects Analysis
  1/31 - Final BA complete
  2/5 - Water User Meeting (BA conclusions)
  2/21 - WIIN 4004c Stakeholder meeting on PA, effects, and BiOp plan)
  3/14 - Water User meeting on BiOp Analysis
  4/2 - Water User Meeting on NEPA analysis
  4/25 - WIIN 4004c Stakeholder Meeting
  5/9 - Water User meeting

  Though some of these are short notice, Paul stressed that a narrative is already being written and it would be better to quell any speculation and be up front about effort. Nothing would be emailed to participants, and it would be in person meetings only; participants would view a power point

presentation and perhaps have access to hard copies. Reclamation will keep presentation higher level to allow flexibility to revise PA (e.g., present some "alternatives").

- Want to treat Tiger Team meetings as a way to work through issues so that there are no surprises to the agencies in Jan 31 version of BA. Desire this to be a group drafting effort also so that there are few comments on what is provided on Dec 31.
- Intend for these meetings to be "safe space" where candid discussions can take place; issues can be elevated quickly if not resolvable in this group.
- Upcoming Tiger Team meetings: Dec 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 17 (TBD), 18, 19, 20.

BA Components

- Modeling for effects analysis is being done this week and expected to be complete this week.
- Reclamation expressed interest in seeing results of effects analysis before agreeing to make changes to the PA.
- Baseline is in review in DC; Lori asked Paul to try to shake it free in prep of this week and Water User meetings; do expect to discuss at Tiger Team maybe this week or next.
- Programmatic Adaptive Management Section (4.11 of BA). Much discussion of this. Reclamation finally got on same page with each other to indicate that 1) these components are NOT in the modeling and therefore will not be reflected in the effects analysis, 2) they would like this to be treated as a programmatic component of the consultation, providing a framework for an approach and getting buy in to that, but not needing the project-level specifics now (though all other components of the PA are project-level) and 3) they would like the project ***minus this AM piece*** to be a non-J. In other words, they do not expect the Services to include the effects of the programmatic AM in our analysis for the jeopardy determination.
- They see this AM approach as an incentive-based way to get more restoration done more quickly; couch it as not seeing benefits of restoration now but that's b/c there isn't enough being done; this would allow a way to do more and see more benefit more quickly.
- Revisions to the PA were discussed. These were transmitted to NMFS at 4:55 pm today and were presented at the meeting. These are in response to discussion at Tuesday 11/ 20 Tiger Team meeting. Revisions include but are not limited to: OMR clarification and alignment with WIIN Act; Suisun Marsh Gate operations; Roaring River Distribution clarifications.

Other

- I relayed NMFS' approach and indicated that we would be ready for more in-depth discussion on Wednesday.
- There was no live-editing and very little discussion of specific issues.
- DWR gave some feedback, notably on the 4.11 Programmatic Adaptive Management section. They noted the need to not be specific on projects b/c that precludes the ability to do a different (better) project.