

CDFW 2020 Strategy Session #2

Meeting Agenda

Sites Reservoir Project

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| **Date:** | May 20, 2020 | **Location:** | WebEx  Call in : 408-418-9388, access code: 961 415 679 |
| **Time:** | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm | | |

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| **Purpose:** Discuss and develop 2020 CDFW ITP approach | | | | |
| **Invitees:** | | | | |
| Ali Forsythe, Sites Authority  John Spranza, HDR  Erin Heydinger, HDR | Rob Tull, Jacobs  Chris Fitzer, ESA | | Monique Briard, ICF  Jim Lecky, ICF | |
| **Agenda:** | |  | |  |
| **Discussion Topic** | | **Topic Leader** | | **Est Time** |
| 1. Review of Action Items | | John | | 5 min |
| 1. Update on Recent CDFW Meetings 2. Meeting context and goals | | Ali | | 10 min |
| 1. Review/Discuss Strategy Table | | All | | 30 min |
| 1. Discuss Strategy/Next steps | | All | | 30 min |
| 1. Review New Action Items | | John | | 5 min |

| **Action Item** | | **Owner** | **Deadline** | **Notes** |
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| 1 | Ali to discuss deal vs. analysis approach with Jerry and get direction | Ali | 6/5/20 |  |
| 2 | Discuss potential creation of a Sites BON for staff to use in negotiations | Ali | 6/10/20 |  |
| 3 | Refine tax table for backward iteration of fishery effects and then determine the yield and engineering inputs needed to incorporate into the BON | Tull/Lecky | TBD | This is likely several Action Items and needs to be discussed |
| 4 | Review/revise upstream diversion criteria for DS benefit protections and NDOI, Freeport and OMR requirements from ITP | Lecky | After AI 1 is complete |  |

**Notes**

1. No real diversion criteria at Ham City and Red Bluff
2. Need to identify what a reasonably foreseeable project is:

* Tisdale Notch is in process (NOP) but spring rearing flows are just conceptual wish list
* Identify methodology to differentiate and analyze an actual project from a conceptual one

1. Travel time from Shasta to Delta needs to be incorporated into the project analysis as conditions at diversions can be very different from downstream conditions.

* Shasta to Delta is about 5-6 days
* Hamilton to KL is 3-ish days
* Shasta to Keswick is about 1 day
* By the time the flood peak hits the Delta the conditions at the diversions would be 3-4 days in the past
  + Tax table was an approach to address that.
* Flow protections at the diversions could be used and that would propagate those protections or benefits for fish downstream
* Can there be a correlation from 44.5K NDOI back to conditions at the diversions to account for time of travel and allow real-time operations?
  + The daily model could do the backward iteration

1. Criteria at diversion facilities that includes the backward iteration would need to be chosen with the downstream criteria in mind.
   1. Would be analyzed to see the effect of that criteria (negative and beneficial)
   2. Adjust criteria at diversion to minimize/maximize effect
   3. Mitigate the residual impacts
2. Members are not in total agreement on CDFW approach (deal or analysis) and that needs to be addressed in Res Com and Board
   1. AI: Ali to discuss with Jerry and get direction
3. Res Com and Board could provide the equivalent to a Basis of Negotiation (BON) that would define the range of acceptable criteria that sites staff can negotiate to without further approval from RC or Board.
   1. AI: Refine tax table to backward iteration of fishery effects and then determine the yield and engineering inputs needed to incorporate into the BON
4. May need to rely on a CDFW policy decision for our proposed permit criteria
   1. Optimize project and acknowledge impacts and benefits
   2. Compare to the CDFW scenarios
   3. Define the yield and cost requirements in the BON
   4. Educate CDFW about the rational for upstream protections and how they relate to downstream benefits and effects to areas they are concerned with (ITP)
   5. Elevate to CDFW MGT to make a decision (accept, reject or conditionally accept with revision) based on benefits and effects not staff-proposed downstream criteria.
5. Will need to campaign with NGOs that highlight the benefits and objectives of the project
   1. Temperature relief for winter run
   2. Back to back dry years
   3. Coldwater pool
   4. Protect hydrograph, etc.