

# Tuolumne River Technical Advisory Committee

## Don Pedro Project – FERC License 2299

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### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2021 AT 9:30 AM

VIA ZOOM

#### *SUMMARY*

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Participants made self-introductions
- Announcements - none

#### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- Review/revise agenda – No changes.
- Comment on notes from Sept. 2021 meeting – minutes not available.
- Items since last meeting - none

#### 3. FLOW OPERATIONS:

##### FLOW SCHEDULE

- Patrick Maloney reviewed the flow schedule.
- Olivia Cramer shared the Daily/Monthly Watershed Precipitation charts and forecast and watershed impacts.
- Discussion on possible flood control in the spring.
- SRWA - Michael Cooke reached out to the GM of the SRWA who in turn reached out to Stacie @ NMFS and hasn't heard back. Nothing new to report.
- Infiltration Galleries - Patrick Maloney reviewed the status. Nearly all major components of the future water treatment plant site are underway. About ½ of the Turlock finished water pipeline is installed and is planned to be completed in May 2022. The contractor is now working on the Ceres finished water pipeline and is scheduled to be completed in February 2022.
- Allison Boucher asked if a license is still needed to operate the Infiltration Gallery.
- Michael Cooke advised they don't need a license but they may need permitting.
- Allison Boucher stated that there were protests filed against the operating procedures as presented and we haven't heard a resolution.
- Peter Drekmeier advised that the last he heard was the Bureau of Reclamation had some concerns.
- Allison Boucher advised that the Bureau of Reclamation was concerned that their water rights could be infringed upon by this.
- Allison Boucher wants to write a letter to recommend that native trees/plants are used around the project.
- Michael Cooke will forward the information for the GM of the SRWA to Allison
- Peter Drekmeier asked how the Infiltration Galleries will affect the flow schedule if there isn't a demand for the full 100 to 125 cfs.
- Michael Cooke will look into that and get back to the group.

#### 4. MONITORING/REPORTS::

##### ROUTINE SNORKEL SURVEY DATA

- Wayne Swaney went over the snorkel survey results.
- Discussion on fish size and types took place.
- Wayne Swaney went over the thermograph download for 2021.

#### FALL MONITORING PLAN 2021

- Jason Guignard went over the Weir Monitoring Data and Passage charts. They will continue weir monitoring through the spring. Red surveys will continue bi-weekly through the spring as well. Screw traps are to be installed and monitored in January.  
Chris Guptill advised that there were 2 sewage spills, the first due to the rain event and the second due to a construction project in the area. The Cal Trans out fill also spilled into the river.
- Jason Guignard advised that water hyacinth is again a problem.
- Edgar Garibay advised that there is a significant amount of water hyacinth in Ceres at River Bluff Park and also a stretch near the Mitchell Rd. Bridge. He will forward the information to Pat Maloney.

#### 5. AGENCY/NGO UPDATES:

- Chris Carr – On December 1<sup>st</sup>, DWR & USBR submitted a Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) to temporarily change the water rights permit terms and license requirements of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project that were imposed pursuant to State Water Board decision 1641. He will send out the link to the group.
- Chris Guptill advised that they cleaned up a couple of hot spots. They will be doing a clean-up at Beard Brook Park on 12/11/21.
- Allison Boucher advised that the Bobcat Flat Phase III construction is still on line to start in the summer of 2022.
- Edgar Garibay advised that they will be doing their first project with River Partners at Dos Rios Ranch on 12/18/21 from 9:00 – 12:00 and will be planting milkweed.
- Alisson Boucher advised that the La Grange Basso project is also moving forward.

#### 6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- None

#### 7. NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 10, 2022

### **TRTAC Meeting Attendees**

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
1.	Patrick Maloney	TID
2.	Dana Ortolan	TID
3.	Michael Cooke	TID
4.	Roger Masuda	TID
5.	Olivia Cramer	TID
6.	Wes Monier	TID
7.	Gretchen Murphey	CDFW
8.	Bernard Aguilar	CDFW
9.	Peter Dreke-meier	TRT
10.	Stephanie Milsap	USFWS
11.	J.D. Wikert	USFWS
12.	Allison Boucher	TRC
13.	Noah Hume	SWS
14.	Wayne Swaney	SWS
15.	John Mauterer	MID
16.	Chris Carr	State Water Board
17.	Fred Meyer	McBain & Associates
18.	Jason Guinard	Fish Bio
19.	Nathan Houx	City of Modesto
20.	Jason Ortega	City of Modesto
18.	Michael Cane	Boating & Waterways
19.	Amy Bailey	DWR
20.	Emily Mullins	River Partners
21.	Darcy Brown	River Partners
22.	Thomas Francis	BAWSCA
23.	William Sears	
24.	Edgar Garibay	
25.	Chris Guptill	9 to 99