

# Tuolumne River Technical Advisory Committee

## Don Pedro Project – FERC License 2299

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### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 AT 9:30 AM

VIA ZOOM

#### *SUMMARY*

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Participants made self-introductions, a list of attendees follows.
- Bernard Aguilar advised that Bobcat Flat Phase III has had a lot of rock movement and they should be done by the end of September.
- Kevin Marr advised that they are in the midst of a very intensive pilot project in Shasta to test a piece of equipment to collect juvenile salmonids once they get above the reservoir. Their office will be busy with this for the next 9 to 10 weeks.

#### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- Today's agenda and notes from the June 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### 3. MONITORING/REPORTS:

- Michael Cooke advised that in the Phase 1 Bay Delta Plan update adopted in 2018, there was a provision that the Tuolumne should be on a parallel path to work on a voluntary agreement with the state to achieve the functional equivalence of the Bay Delta Plan update. Secondly, the Phase 2 folks, (Sac valley) have also been negotiating a voluntary agreement as a way to get ahead of Phase 2 of the Bay Delta Plan update. The Sac valley folks created a MOU in March of this year that most of the dignitaries and agencies signed onto. Since that time, the Mokelumne, Friant and some others have joined onto that State MOU. TID/MID Boards took action on Tuesday authorizing their General Manager's to sign onto that voluntary agreement MOU with the State of CA. That will then allow further negotiations to reach the final voluntary agreement for each tributary as well as a state wide effort. So basically the General Managers can go to the next step to sign off on the MOU and get involved with some of the small groups that are negotiating the finer and final points of the voluntary agreement. So basically, TID will participate in that and get it to the next level. There appears to be some general agreement on some kind of bookend deal points that can go into the final MOU. The state has not created that documentation yet so it won't be public until they do. Hopefully we can get that in the next week or two. There will be a document that has been officially signed and will become a part of the public record.
- Peter Dreke meier asked if there are any plans to engage NGO's in the negotiations.
- Michael said that there were originally plans to do so but we have been out of the loop since March so he doesn't know. When he knows more he will let the group know.

- Wayne Swaney went over the snorkel survey and thermograph downloads.
  - Pat Maloney advised that Jake Rennert from NMFS and a FishBio technician joined in the snorkel survey. Jake also set up an additional survey. Chris Diviney from CDFW and staff from NMFS joined and they snorkeled the larger pools below the Power House. Pat went over the results, and discussion followed.
4. FLOW OPERATIONS:
- Pat Maloney advised that the weir will be installed the week of September 26<sup>th</sup> and red surveys will begin in early October. The FERC annual reports are incomplete at this time because work is still in progress.
  - Pat Maloney went over the B120 update and the fall pulse flows.
  - Pat Maloney advised that construction is in full swing on the Infiltration Gallery. In Turlock beneath Quincy Rd., right about at the cross street of Hawkeye they are installing the pipeline to Turlock. The Ceres pipeline has had a few issues. They have had to go underneath the Ceres Main canal and back underneath it again which took a little more time to construct. Per Bill Penney they are planning to have water deliveries to Turlock late summer to early fall Of 2023.
  - Steve Tsao asked if there are any updates on the water rights petition on the infiltration gallery.
  - TID has not heard any new information on this.
5. AGENCY/NGO UPDATES:
- None
6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:
- Pat Maloney will be putting together group floats this year during the peak of spawning. Looking at Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> and maybe Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> and then again in November. If you are interested please email Pat.
  - J.D. Wikert suggested doing 3 different areas during the floats.
7. NEXT MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 08, 2022

**TRTAC Meeting Attendees**

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
1.	Patrick Maloney	TID
2.	Michael Cooke	TID
3.	Steve Tsao	CDFW
4.	Chris Diviney	CDFW
5.	Gretchen Murphey	CDFW
6.	Bernard Aguilar	CDFW
7.	Suzanne DeLeon	CDFW
8.	Peter Drekmeier	TRT
9.	Sara Sacks	TRT
10.	Stephanie Milsap	USFWS
11.	J.D. Wikert	USFWS
12.	Kevin Marr	DWR
13.	Noah Hume	SWS
14.	Wayne Swaney	SWS
15.	William Sears	CCSF
16.	John Mauterer	MID
17.	Nathan Houx	City of Modesto
18.	Jason Ortega	City of Modesto
19.	Chris Carr	State Water Board
20.	Tim Caldwell	McBain & Associates
21.	Chris Gupstill	9 to 99