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Project Name:	<u>LSJ/DS RFMP</u>	Date:	<u>6/12/14 9:30-11:30pm</u>
Meeting Subject:	<u>Benefit Area 7 Small Group Mtg. (RD 2062 and RD 2107)</u>	Project No.:	<u></u>
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Attendees:	<u>Robert Brown-Phone</u>	<u>Susan Dell'Osso</u>	<u>Glenn Gebhardt</u>	<u>Gilbert Cosio</u>
	<u>Jim Giottonini-Phone</u>	<u>Roger Churchwell</u>	<u>Gemma Biscocho</u>	<u>John Maguire</u>
	<u>Steve Schoenberg</u>	<u>John Kleinfelter</u>	<u>Eric Tsai</u>	<u>Dave Peterson</u>
	<u>Loren Botorff</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

Purpose:

The purpose the meeting is to arrive at a list of the most important projects for use in the draft Financial Plan and draft RFMP. The second round of small group meetings build on the first round meetings by focusing on potential projects, timelines, and funding assumptions.

Presentation:

Introductions followed by a brief presentation on the overview of the agenda by Loren Botorff (PBI). Explained that potential projects are being placed into three tiers to show when each project is likely to be implemented. Tier 1 would be for projects with likely implementation in the next 5 years. Tier 2 would be projects with implementation in the 6 to 12 year period. Tier 3 projects would be implemented beyond 12 years. RFMP is a 25 year plan.

Review Project Descriptions and Level of Protection:

Attendees were provided a "snapshot" of material currently in the draft RFMP for RD 2062 and RD 2107, and asked to provide comments by July 1 for use in refinements to the Draft RFMP. This material showed two potential projects, one for improving levees to PL 84-99 standard and one for improvements to the 200-year level of protection.

- RD 2062 - Susan Dell'Osso indicated that the intent is for RD 2062 to be improved to the 200-year level without going to PL 84-99 as an intermediate step. Due to the levees with 300-foot top width, may seek a variance for vegetation on the existing levees under the Corps System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF).
- RD 2107 – Robert Brown indicated that RD 2107 will likely not seek 200-year protection

Sequencing of Projects for RD 2062:

Susan marked up a map to show the proposed sequencing of projects on RD 2062. All are intended to be funded by locally without State contributions and all aimed at 200-year protection:

- Project 1 (eastern portion of RD) – 200-year ULOP completed in 2014 and currently building homes. Cost just for the levee improvements was not available. Constructed "super"-wide levee (300 feet) inside of existing levee and then filled in area between the two levees.
- Project 2 (middle northern portion of RD) – New "super" levees to 200-year ULOP scheduled for 2015-2016 period. Estimate \$15 million local funding.



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- Project 3 (remainder of RD) – New “super” levee to 200-year ULOP in 2020±. This project will include setback of north levee along Paradise Cut by 900 to 1200 feet onto the RD. The existing Paradise Cut levee will remain in place, but will be breached in several places. The setback will add approximately 250 acres of habitat area. Project 3 will also include setback of the south levee of RD 2107 between I5 and the upstream railroad, adding about 20 acres of habitat to Paradise Cut. This also includes removal of sediment just downstream from the Paradise Cut weir by about 5 feet elevation. About ½ of the new setback land inside the PC levees will be actively managed.
 - Steve S. indicated that he would like to see more active restoration and not a mitigation bank.
 - Glen G. said that exiting terrestrial habitat is drowned out in high water – need high ground refuge which old levee will provide.
- Project 4 (additional work on south side of Paradise Cut – This project (settlement with NRDC, et. al.) would widen the Paradise Cut weir from 180 feet to 400 feet (with potential future expansion by another 500 feet) and commit to work in good faith for further expansion of the Paradise Cut corridor. Hydraulic studies show that this project would lower peak flood stage upstream of the weir by 20 inches. Escrow account of \$800 towards this expansion yet to be defined.

Sequencing of Projects for RD 2107:

The only project currently planned for RD 2062 is the setback levee and other work described above for Project 3 (by RD 2062). In the future, it is unlikely that the RD will seek 200-year protection – may seek PL 84-99 at some point. Land use is farming and sand mining so major levee improvements can't be justified at this time.

Asked about what RDs thought about potential consolidation of RDs. Don't see a reason. Set up originally as separate benefit areas and it works.

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