

## MEETING NOTES

**Project Name:** LSJ/DS RFMP **Date:** 7/17/14 8:00-10:00 am  
**Meeting Subject:** Benefit Areas 1 and 10 Small Group Mtg. (RD 17) **Project No.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Location:** SJAFCA **Page:** 1 of 2  
**Notes by:** Loren Bottorff

<b>Attendees:</b>	<u>Chris Neudec</u>	<u>Jim Giottonini</u>	<u>Gemma Biscocho</u>	<u>Roger Churchwell</u>
	<u>Eric Tsai</u>	<u>Steve Schoenberg</u>	<u>Doug Weinrich</u>	<u>Loren Bottorff</u>
	<u>Mike McDowell</u>	<u>Lorin Gardner</u>	<u>Dave Peterson</u>	_____
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### 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:

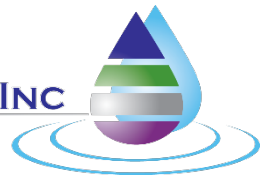
Introductions followed by a brief presentation on the overview of the agenda by Loren Bottorff (PBI).

### Review Project Descriptions and Level of Protection:

Attendees were provided a “snapshot” of material currently in the draft RFMP for RD 17 and asked to provide comments by for use in refinements to the Draft RFMP. 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.

### RD 17 Discussion:

- Approximately 200K cy of sediment deposits annually in the lower San Joaquin River in the ship channel. Ongoing maintenance by the USACE. River is shallow upstream from I5. Years ago Darrel Foreman did a study from RD 2075 downstream. RD 17 doesn't include sediment removal as a project because it is very difficult to permit. Perhaps include a reevaluation of previous study to see anything can be done. Several RDs upstream from Mossdale are saying that they want dredging included as a project.
- Discussed the old table in the draft RFMP outlining estimated PL 84-99 improvements for many districts. The table shows \$10.6 million for RD 17. No one could verify that this was needed. Loren commented that this table will be removed and PL 84-99 improvements will be shown individually for each RD where needed.
- Erosion protection is being done as routine maintenance and shouldn't be a project
- SWIF compliance is long-term process. Currently PL 84-99 compliant
- Working to get dryland levee included in the rehabilitation inspection program
- Discussed Phases 1 and 2 completed (seepage). Now additional Phase 3 with State funds. All funded, but not permitted.
- Phase 3 includes a small setback downstream from Old River. Leaving the old levee and breaching the downstream was considered because removing the entire levee would translate



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stage impacts downstream on the San Joaquin River. However, this option would require continued maintenance of the breached levee.

- Phase 4 will be to 200-year ULOP (at least \$85 million, likely more). Planning authorized. Design tier 1 and construction tier 1 and tier 2. Extension of Walthall levee, seepage, and penetrations/encroachments (lots) included.
- Chris will provide some write-up on these
- Doing SWIF. It is possible the after doing ULDC work, SWIF may not be successful in securing a variance, and ULDC levee could lose PL 84-99. This may be OK, since likelihood of failure is substantially reduced with ULDC – with PL 84-99 post failure assistance becomes less necessary.
- Multi-benefits needed for Phase 4. May need the larger setback levee at Old River or other enhancements. Some resistance by RD17 on including the setback. Eric T. mentioned that adding small areas of habitat can go a long way in helping get state funding.
- Steve suggested that they consider a wider corridor for SRA with levees with flatter slopes
- Some discussion if State cost share is higher with these benefits or not
- South side of Walthall levee is owned by developer and plans a riparian forest – almost trees now.
- USACE eliminated the RD 17 levee because it didn't meet the Executive Order 11988 because of development that would occur. Discussed what level of development may be acceptable. The development is already planned in the city plans. Also need that development to help pay for levee improvements. Jim G. suggested that we should get Manteca, Stockton, Lathrop, and County requirements for open space, conservation easements, etc. for context in the RFMP.
- Current annual budget for RD 17 is \$3.3 million.

### **Benefit Area 1 Discussion:**

- Area along Littlejohns Creek needs floodplain mapping and plan for 200 year protection.
- Talk with Maguire

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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