

**NoName Group Conference Call  
Monday, December 20, 1999  
Draft Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:**

Greg Gartrell (Ag/Urban)	Victor Pacheco (DWR)	Jim White (DFG)
Bruce Herbold (EPA)	Tom Boardman (SLDMWA)	Marty Kjelson (USFWS)
Francis Mizuno (SLDMWA)	Spreck Rosekrans (EDF)	Terry Erlewine (SWC)
John Burke (USBR)	Dave Briggs (CCWD)	Gary Stern (NMFS)
Dave Schuster (Ag/Urban)	Nick Wilcox (SWRCB)	Alex Hildebrand (SDWA)
Mark Pierce (USFWS)		

The NoName Group held a conference call on December 20 to review recent operations and to develop recommendations for future operations.

Water quality conditions improved over the weekend, particularly at Jersey Point. DWR operations staff developed preliminary criteria for opening the DCC gates depending on water quality conditions, inflow hydrology and tidal conditions (see below). Titrated chlorides at Rock Slough (Pumping Plant #1) were 250 mg/L and 230 mg/L on Dec. 19, giving a daily average of 240 mg/L. Based on water quality in and near Rock Slough, salinity is expected to be higher in the next few days before decreasing. If the Rock Slough standard is exceeded, CCWD will submit a letter to the SWRCB informing the SWRCB of the conditions in Rock Slough.

Nick Wilcox informed the group that the SWRCB staff felt that the discrepancies in the number of required days of DCC gate closure between Order 95-6 and Order 98-9 was likely typographical and that the language in the WQCP was the correct phrasing of this requirement ("up to 45 days" of gate closure as opposed to the absolute "45 days" of closure in Order 98-9). The inconsistency could be remedied at the SWRCB hearing on Dec. 28. The change would take effect immediately.

Banks PP is scheduled to export at 1,300 cfs on Dec. 20. Ramping will increase SWP exports to 3,300 cfs by Dec. 22. The combined export rate will be about 4,100 cfs on Dec. 22. The CVP will begin to ramp up exports at Tracy PP on Friday, Dec. 24 after the 14-day export reduction period ends. The projected filling date of the federal share of San Luis Reservoir was not yet available. The SWP is projected to fill its share in mid- to late-February depending on the hydrology.

The USBR was unable to use the JPOD in November but has submitted a temporary urgency petition for use of JPOD in February and March of 2000. The petition was submitted on December 13. CEQA documents are presently being completed. The proposed use of JPOD in the current petition is planned to occur in 2000 after SWP pumping capacity becomes available and before the start of the VAMP.

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Recent fish monitoring in the Delta did not reveal significant numbers of spring-run. The USFWS released coded-wire tagged fish at Isleton and in Georgiana Slough on Dec. 20. The USFWS made these releases to take advantage of the current low export conditions.

The 7-day forecast is dry.

The next NoName Group conference call is scheduled for Weds. (Dec. 22) at 9:00 am. The call-in number (916) 657-4113. This call will discuss operations over Holidays.

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