

NoName Group Conference Call
Wednesday, December 22, 1999
Draft Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Alex Hildebrand (SDWA)	Art Hinojosa (MWD)	Bruce Herbold (EPA)
Chet Bowling (USBR)	Curtis Creel (DWR)	Dave Briggs (CCWD)
Dave Paulson (MWD)	Dave Schuster (Ag/Urban)	Francis Mizuno (SLDMWA)
Jim Snow (WWD)	Jim White (DFG)	John Burke (USBR)
Kate Le (DWR)	Larry Gage (DWR)	Marc Carpenter (WWD)
Mark Pierce (USFWS)	Marty Kjelson (USFWS)	Nick Wilcox (SWRCB)
Perry Herrgesell (DFG)	Sheila Greene (DWR)	Spreck Rosekrans (EDF)
Steve Hirsch (USBR)	Terry Erlewine (SWC)	Tom Boardman (SLDMWA)
Victor Pacheco (DWR)		

The NoName Group held a conference call on December 22 to review recent operations and to develop recommendations for future operations.

Three documents were circulated to the group prior to the conference call: DWR/USBR Proposed Operations for December 23-27, 1999 (DWR/USBR); Recommended delta operations for salmon protection (USFWS); and Delta Cross Channel Gate Closure considerations (DWR).

The operations plan was reviewed by USBR staff. This plan will be followed over the Holiday weekend unless the fish triggers as outlined in the USFWS's memo are tripped. Operations staff and fishery staff will be in contact over the weekend if this occurs. The next scheduled discussion will occur on Dec. 27; at that time more fish monitoring data will be available. A limited amount of sampling is scheduled between Friday afternoon and Monday morning, however, fish sampling results remain relatively low.

Marty Kjelson informed the group that the USFWS will soon be distributing a document outlining the B2 usage and fish experiments in January. To date, DWR has not agreed to participate in further Delta export reductions related to the use of B2 water. The SWP has not made up all of the water from the preceding water year.

Judge Wanger's Dec. 20, 1999 decision was distributed to the NoName Group members.

Delta water quality has improved but not to a level that DWR is willing to recommend that the Delta Cross Channel gates be closed.

The SWRCB will address on Dec. 28, among other issues, the number of required days of Delta Cross Channel gate closures (Order 95-6 and Order 98-9 are inconsistent).

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CCWD will submit a letter to the SWRCB regarding the Rock Slough water quality standard that was exceeded on Dec. 20. Dave Briggs reported that the one-way flap gates between Sandmound Slough and Rock Slough were opened to allow bi-directional flow on Dec. 22 to accelerate the lowering of salinity in Rock Slough. This procedure is not the standard practice for improving quality in Rock Slough but under the current salinity conditions the action may improve quality in Rock Slough.

The next NoName Group conference call is scheduled for Dec. 27 at 11:00 am (916 657-4111). This call will be conducted in conjunction with the DAT. Call details will be distributed.

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