

## Meeting Notes

### Upper San Joaquin River Storage Investigation

October 12, 2004

#### Big Sandy Rancheria

Overall the presentation was well delivered. MWH did an excellent job explaining the nuances of each storage option.

One issue was the assignment of firm supply to water contractors and the ability to sub contract from these contractors- This is an area for further discussion, possibly a conjunctive management agreement.

On the issue of conjunctive management Big Sandy Rancheria mentioned that they struggle with water supply (quality) and they would want to be considered for access to this new quantity of clean water.

North Fork Rancheria mentioned that the North Fork area is beginning to notice water quality issues that will affect future water supplies and are impacting the health of the Willow Creek watershed. This is a major tributary to the San Joaquin River.

Under the list of “Cooperating Agencies” there was obvious notice that Tribes, FERC, IHS and SHPO were missing from the list. With these organizations come issues related to SCE, PG&E and other watershed stakeholders.

Within the Hydropower section of the presentation the generation options didn’t take into account the existing or new generation within the stream channels below Millerton Dam (i.e., Madera/Chowchilla Canal).

Our group has an interest in the 2 studies coming out on River Restoration and the Resources Management Coalition Plan.

In our closing discussions we talked about the need for a formal MOU between BOR and the tribes that 1) have an interest in the studies and 2) are in the USJRBSI project area.

There was mention of a protocol developed by Kesner Flores during the CALFED tribal meetings.

The general consensus was that more gatherings like this one would be beneficial to the local tribes.