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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2016 5:46 PM  
**To:** Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Re: Shasta RPA adjustments process  
**Attachments:** 2016-08-31 RPA Adjustments Outline.docx

Garwin,

Attached for your review is an updated outline that includes objectives and rationale for our changes.

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On Fri, Sep 2, 2016 at 2:22 PM, Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal <[garwin.yip@noaa.gov](mailto:garwin.yip@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Maria,

Based on earlier internal discussions, attached is a revised timeline that gets us to February 3, 2017, for a completed Shasta RPA adjustment document officially issued. The 2 rows highlighted in the timeline indicate time frames with likely skeleton crews, so those durations shouldn't be shortened.

Michelle's comments (through Dave) are concerning to me because:

- they are so delayed (Reclamation had the timeline and outline since July 19);
- they seem to take us a step back regarding what can and should not be done through the adjustments process;

-- in scheduling the meeting that I requested to address Reclamation's comments, the e-mail that came out for meeting availability only went to Reclamation's Bay-Delta office (Josh Israel, Janice Pinero, and Michael Hendrick), and Brycen and me. Neither Pablo, you, nor Reclamation's CVO (Ron et al.) were included in the e-mail asking for meeting availability.

I have not had a chance to discuss any of this with Ron. I sent out an e-mail regarding a meeting to talk about Keswick releases, and also called Ron to discuss, and didn't get a reply e-mail or phone call.

Next steps:

- As I mentioned before, I think we should focus more of our effort in working on track changes to the Shasta RPA actions, themselves, rather than fleshing out the outline. Per Michelle's comment, we could simplify the outline so that we don't get into such specifics, but I don't think we should focus on that document.
- If you are OK with the attendees at the yet to be scheduled meeting, then I'll engage. Otherwise, if it doesn't sit well with you (like it doesn't with me), then it would be helpful if you could call Pablo to discuss and agree on attendees/ reps in this effort, path forward, expectations, etc.
- In the mean time, Brycen and I will work on some initial track changes to the RPA based on what we think the adjustments could/should be.

-Garwin-

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Garwin,

This is Dave Mooney responding for Michelle while she is out.

Thanks for soliciting comments from Reclamation on the outline and the schedule you provided for the Shasta RPA Amendment process for the 2009 BiOp.

We think the sequence of events that you've outlined in the schedule is generally a logical path, but have a few suggestions for modification. It would be helpful to add in a process at the end to also seek consultation from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as, given the nature of potential revisions to the RPA, they may need to be involved from a smelt perspective and will likely need to review the proposal and possibly engage in Section 7 consultation. We also think that FWS should be engaged through the amendment process and this should be reflected in the schedule and any objectives developed. We'd also observe that the timelines provided are aggressive and might not be achievable due to the scope of the issues involved in this process, so we may want to look at adjustments as we move forward with the process.

Related to the outline, we think this is very specific, and I'm not sure we can commit to what is being proposed because, as it's been characterized in what you provided, it has potential implications for CVP operations at-large. As a recommendation, perhaps it would be useful to have a discussion as to the objectives that are looking to be achieved, we bullet point those objectives, and then work into the specific work tasks instead of laying them out fully before we've really begun the full-scale process. Right now, we have concerns with the tasks in the outline and it getting us far beyond just

amending the RPA, but also into possibly getting outside of what was analyzed for NEPA. Because we'd like to expedite this process as much as possible, we'd like to try to avoid opening this door at this time.

Thanks again. Feel free to call if you have questions. I think a technical meeting should be in order to follow up on the above. Let me know if you'd like me to set that up and let me know who you'd like to see attend from your team.

Take care.

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On Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 1:12 PM, Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal <[garwin.yip@noaa.gov](mailto:garwin.yip@noaa.gov)> wrote:  
Pablo et al.,

I'm checking on the status/progress of your comments/revisions on the attached timeline and outline.

-Garwin-

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Pablo,

I am sending these documents in advance of our Thursday meeting.

The last couple months have been busy for many of us towards reaching agreement on a Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan. Now that we are implementing this plan, I would like to shift our focus to the Shasta RPA Adjustment. You will recall on May 13, we had a meeting where we went over the proposed outline and schedule. Attached are updated versions of those documents. An action item from that meeting was for Reclamation to provide comments on our initial thoughts for the Shasta RPA adjustments. We would like comments on the outline and schedule by COB Friday, July 22, 2016. Garwin is drafting a correspondence letter that we will share with you at our meeting this Thursday. We look forward to working with you on this.

Thanks.

- Maria