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To: Mooney, David
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Subject: Re: Talking Points for 11/9 Meeting with NGOs and Water Contractors

Hi Dave - Thanks for sharing. I've already spoken to Barry and do plan to make some comments for NMFS. He will be on the phone, but will defer to me on specifics. I will keep them high level and share with you ahead of time.

In terms of a quick read on this document, I am concerned that the document has David saying Reclamation is targeting a purchase on the Sacramento, when the three fish agency guidance specifically recommended against this, and only as a last resort. I don't know that we, as fish agencies, have ever had a written response from Reclamation on that guidance, and we haven't spoken about it at any meeting I've been part of. Last week, I specifically requested a three federal agency follow up meeting on this topic. So if there is disagreement, and we haven't met internally to discuss, I recommend that we don't commit to anything publicly.

Second, re: Shasta RPA, while I understand from Garwin that Josh and Brycen have been discussing objectives, and I support this as a long-term project, I don't necessarily see that as being where we land with the adjustment this January. At the next policy meeting, we will have to take stock of where we have agreement, and what options we have in areas where there is disagreement. I'd prefer for purposes of this outreach to generally list some of the topics we've been discussing, and raise the idea of phased approach, and probably leave it at that. I'll work with Garwin to write up.

I'm also planning to share some talking points on updated status of winter-run Chinook, and may also mention that we are discussing a spring-run pulse flow as an experiment, if OK with you, while emphasizing those discussions are very preliminary.

- Maria

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On Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 3:06 PM, Mooney, David <dmmooney@usbr.gov> wrote:
Maria,

Attached are talking points for our meetings this Wednesday for your review and information. We kept the Shasta RPA Adjustment section pretty high level and left a time for NMFS to speak if you are interested.

If you have questions or suggested changes, please let me know by COB tomorrow.

Thank you.
Dave

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