

LSJR Committee Members:

Attached to this e-mail are three documents. I would like you to consider them in a sequence rather than looking at them all at once. We will do the same thing at the Committee meeting on Feb 9th.

“Workplan Flow Table 1-25-12 with Major Timelines Only”

The first document is named: *“Workplan Flow Table 1-25-12 with Major Timelines Only”*. This document shows the overall steps that I think we need to take to complete a draft basin plan amendment. My request to you is to look at the work activity items and determine if they are appropriate; is something missing; should we consider taking a different track. Please follow this by looking at the timelines I have sketched in and see if they seem appropriate; how should they change; would you emphasize one over the other; or how would you propose this be changed to reach our goal. Jeanne Chilcott has already identified that we are missing the peer review step that is called for under the Health and Safety Code.

In looking at both the work items and the timelines, please be aware that we are not about to undertake a \$5 million study (as Jeanne Chilcott put it so nicely). There have been countless studies done on the San Joaquin River and on salinity. We do not have to redo these; we simply need to update that information to present conditions and work from there. Our goal with this work plan is to look at the current information, the available resources to the Committee, and determine what it will take to update the database we use and how do we accomplish our goal of setting water quality objectives for salinity in the Lower San Joaquin River.

Items I – XII are ones that we have already spent considerable time on but need to bring to completion and prepare the necessary documentation. This timeline reflects my best guess of how long it will take to accomplish this but it is my best guess. We need your input on whether you feel this is adequate, too long or not long enough.

Items XIII – XXIII are the ones that will require the bulk of the work of the committee. As you can see, the timelines do not start until May or June of this year. That is for three reasons; the first is that the committee does not have the expertise or the time available to accomplish these and we will likely have to contract for these to be completed; the second is that we are yet unclear on exactly what we will contract for and who will help us put together those contracts and manage the contracts; and lastly the State contracting process would not allow us to proceed much before this time. We will discuss the contracting process more at the next committee meeting.

I would like you to come to the next committee meeting prepared to discuss whether we feel these steps adequately describe the work that needs to be done, how long you think it would take to be prepared to work with technical people to define the work products of each item named in the work plan, where you feel your expertise or the expertise of someone in your organization would best assist the committee in accomplishing the work steps we are defining, and how best to accomplish each of these tasks in the time allocated.

“Workplan Flow Table 1-25-12 with Timelines for Work Items”

The second document is entitled *““Workplan Flow Table 1-25-12 with Timelines for Work Items”*. This version is the same as the previous one except that it shows the various tasks that I think we would need to take under each of the 23 major work items defined in the previous version. My goal was to show the individual steps we need to take to complete a draft basin plan amendment. My request to you is, that if you are in general agreement with the major work items shown in the first document, please look at the individual work activity items and determine if they are appropriate, are they in a logical sequence, is something missing, and/or should we consider taking different steps to reach our goal. You don't need to follow this by looking at the timelines as they follow within the ones in the first document. If you think we need to take different steps, please consider the time and money that would be needed, what steps might be needed to accomplish it and, if possible recommend changes to the timelines.

“Workplan Descriptions to Accompany the Flow Chart”

The third document is the description of the nouseating details of each individual work tasks defined in the second document. I would not crack into this document unless you want to understand more about what I was intending with the work plan flow diagrams. It is my hope that we will get review by other experts that understand the basin planning process and get their input on the work plan as well. This written description is mostly to help them understand the level of detail we intend to take. After our review at the LSJR Committee meeting on February 9th, we will revise the flow charts and this written description and then conduct a further review and finalization at the March committee meeting.