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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2014 4:33 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Wednesday RTDOT

Thank you. I have no objection.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2014, at 4:26 PM, "MILLIGAN, RONALD" <[rmilligan@usbr.gov](mailto:rmilligan@usbr.gov)> wrote:

Tom,

Consistent with the above email chain, please accept this notice from the Project agencies.

Thanks,

Ron

### **Notice to Executive Director, State Water Resources Control Board**

Through the RTDOT process, the Project agencies have reached consensus with US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fishery Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to flex the Delta Export/Inflow Ratio (E/I ratio). Effective to today, and continuing through the month of March, the Projects will be working with a 35% E/I Ratio using an averaging period of three days. This action is pursuant to the following:

*Flex E/I Ratio:* Footnote 21 to the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan and footnote 20 to Decision-1641 allow the percent Delta inflow diverted to vary either up or down. Variations may be authorized if agreed to by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Any variations will be effective immediately upon notice to the Executive Director of the SWRCB. If the Executive Director of the SWRCB does not object to the variations within 10 days, the variations will remain in effect. (2006 WQCP, p. 17; D-1641, p. 187.)

On Wed, Mar 5, 2014 at 2:44 PM, Wilson, Craig@Waterboards  
<[Craig.Wilson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Craig.Wilson@waterboards.ca.gov)> wrote:

All,

Spoke to Tom Howard. Since all fishery agencies have now concurred in the E/I Ratio averaging change per the D-1641 process, Tom will not object to the change.

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Note to RTDOT:

At our 3 MAR meeting we discussed, and reached general agreement on, modifications to the Delta Export/Inflow ratio (E/I Ratio) objective contained in D-1641 as a means to better deal with Delta operations given the current hydrologic conditions and rapidly changing nature of Sacramento River flows we have experienced over the last month. At our meeting, the Projects proposed maintaining the current 35% E/I Ratio while adjusting the averaging period to a value less than the current 14 days.

The Project Operations staffs have recommended a 3-day averaging period as a workable interval for scheduling and real-time operations this late winter and spring. We noted at the meeting that D-1641 allows for a modification of this objective with the consensus of all three fishery agencies and notification to the Board's Executive Director. Because this modification is an integral part of D-1641, this proposal is integral to the project description, and consistent with the modeling results, that were analyzed for the 2008/2009 Biological Opinions.

To help document the decisions made through our RTDOT process, the Project agencies would like to confirm (via e-mail) our collective agreement to use of the 3-day averaging period for the E/I Ratio are the remainder of March 2014.

Thank You.

Ron Milligan