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Turlock Irrigation District

and

Project No. 2299

Modesto Irrigation District

### 2006 LOWER TUOLUMNE RIVER ANNUAL REPORT

#### 2006 Annual Summary Report

- Introduction
- Tuolumne River Technical Advisory Committee (TRTAC)
- Program Goals and Comparative Salmon Population Goals
- Flow Schedules and Operations
- Monitoring Information
- Non-flow Measure Activities in 2006
- Anticipated Non-flow Measure Activities in 2007
- Other FERC Settlement Agreement Activities
- Program Expenses through 2006
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<u>Exhibits</u>: Spawning run estimates, Ocean catch data, and Delta salmon salvage data <u>Attachment A</u>: Water, Flows, Temperature, and Flow Schedule Correspondence <u>Attachment B</u>: 2006 Technical Advisory Committee Materials

Report 2006-1: 2005 and 2006 Spawning Survey Reports

Report 2006-2: Spawning Survey Summary Update

Report 2006-3: 2006 Seine/Snorkel Report and Summary Update

Report 2006-4: 2006 Rotary Screw Trap Report

Report 2006-5: Rotary Screw Trap Summary Update

- Report 2006-6: Coded-wire Tag Summary Update
- Report 2006-7: Survival to Emergence Study Report
- Report 2006-8: Special Run Pool 9 and 7/11 Reach: Post-Project Monitoring Synthesis Report
- Report 2006-9: Lower Tuolumne River Predation Assessment Final Report

Report 2006-10: La Grange Gravel Addition Project Phase II 2000-2003 Report

Report 2006-11: La Grange Gravel Addition Project Phase II Geomorphic Monitoring Report



2007 Chinook Catch at Waterford and River Flow at La Grange

2002-2007 TUOLUMNE RIVER SEINING COMBINED FRY AND JUVENILE SALMON DENSITY INDEX







Average A Minimum A Maximum

# TUOLUMNE RIVER JUVENILE SALMON STUDY 2007 SEINING



Minimum - Average

Schedule	Days	Critical & Below		Median Crittical		Intermediate C-D	Ø	Median Dry		Intermediate D-BN	0	Median Below Normal		Intermediate BN-AN	0
Occurrence		6.4%		8.0%		6.1%		10.8%		9.1%		10.3%		15.5%	
Oct 1 - 15	Ś	00	cfs	100	cfs	150	cís	150	cfs	180	cfs	200	cfs	300	cfs
		2,975	ac-ft	2,975	ac-ft	4,463	ac-ft	4,463	ac-ft	5,355	ac-ft	5,950	ac-ft	8,926	ac-ft
Attraction Pulse Flow		en on		one		none		none		1,676	ac-ft	1,736	ac-ft	5,950	ac-ft
Oct 16 - May 31	228	150	cfs	150	cfs	150	cfs	150	cfs	180	cfs	175	cfs	300	cfs
		67,835	ac-ft	67,835	ac-ft	67,835	ac-ft	67,835	ac-ft	81,402	ac-ft	79,140	ac-ft	135,669	ac-ft
Outmigration Pulse Flow		tum tam O tum	aç t-	20,091	ac-ft	32,619	ac-ft	37,060	ac-ft	35,920	ac-ft	60,027	ac-ft	89,882	ac-ft
June 1 - Sept 30	122	20	G	50	cfs	50	cfs	75	cts	75	cfs	75	cfs	250	cfs
		12,099	ac-14	12,099	ac-ft	12,099	ac-fi	18,149	ac-ft	18,149	ac-ft	18,149	ac-ft	60,496	ac-ft
Volume (ac-ft)	365	94,000		103,000		117,016		127,507		142,502		165,002		300,923	
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Basin Index Threshold (calc. through WY2006)

2.002 1.476

2.187

2.441

2.720

3.183

TUOLUMNE FERC SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FLOW SCHEDULE

TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Status

## CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT <u>M E M O R A N D U M</u>

TO:TRTACFROM:Wilton FryerDATE:8 March 2007RE:Restoration Projects - Status Update

Funding

Project Active Projects:

MJ Ruddy	none	All the project (Federal) funds were withdrawn by AFRP and CBDA effective 30 June 06 and 31 March 06 respectively. The landowner has been informed that the project was defunded, but he still has desire to see the project built. There is a slim potential for a portion of the Warner-Deardorff Phase II Prop 204 funds being made available for reconstruction of a redesigned Ruddy reach project. See next.
Warner-Deardorff	Uncertain	The status of the \$10.8M in CBDA Prop 204 funds, originally for Phase II work, remain uncertain. The project completed a Directed Action process, without CBDA issuing a contract, while under the directions from the CBDA ERPIAM. In May 2006 the DFG representative on the ERPIAM directed that completion of the contact be stopped pending transfer of the project administration from CBDF to CDFG. It is not clear if the funds were transferred to DFG in July 06, as none of the Prop 204 funding from CBDA has been transferred to DFG administration as of 1 March 2007. The original project funds may still be available for work on the Mining Reach, if a revised directed action proposal is approved and contract is in place by May 2007. AFRP modified their Phase I funding agreement with TID to allow a revision of the designs that would allow a modification of both the MJ Ruddy Segment and Warner-Deardorff Segments to fit the available Phase II funds. The designs are scheduled for completion by 12 Mar 07 and a proposal will be prepared for submittal to CBDA- DFG.
La Grange Gravel	Full	The Infusion Project, with all the amendment changes in place, went before the CBDA-ERPIAM in November and December

		2006. These current members and CBDA staff did not realize that the amendment had gone through the required public review process back in March and April 2004 and the current submittal was the culmination of all the previous CBDA staff requests since 2004. It appears the ERPIAM will allow the contract amendment to proceed before the next amendments hearing in mid May, but confirmation was not received by the time of this report. In December 06, M&T was given approval to try and complete the design, review, and permitting tasks to be in a position to bid for 2007 inchannel work. At this time, it will still be very lucky to get all permits, design review, and contracts let in time for work in July 2007. Expect the project to run in 2008 and 2009, assuming a time extension is granted. Discussions this week with DFG indicate 4-Pumps will be proceeding with a gravel addition at riffle 3A in 2007. This is one of the sites identified for the LG Infusion Project. While following the Course Sediment Management Plan for conceptual design, the design review procedures required of 4- Pumps projects does not include the processes in the CSMP
		that were approved by the CalFed. While it may be possible to piggy back off the DFG $-$ 4-Pumps permits for the TID infusion project, there needs to be much closer coordination between these two projects.
Fine Sediment	Full	The Gasburg Creek restoration construction went out for bid in August 2006 with bids received on 1 September. The bids exceeded available funding. A design & project element review has been completed and the project will again go out for bids in March 2007 with the construction to start in June 2007.
Completed Projects:	(No Changes)	
SRP 10	Partial	This project was split into two phases by CBDA and only design and modeling funded under Phase I. No Phase II funding for acquisition and construction has ever been identified. The Phase I work was completed in June 2006 and the project funding closed for Phase I. The landowner has been informed there is no foreseeable Phase II funding.
SRP 9	Full	Construction completed, revegetation planted and maintained for two years, and final replacement planting completed in December 2003. NOC filed March 2003.
SRP 10 Dike	Full	Construction complete. NOC filed March 2003.

7\11 Segment	Full	Construction complete with remaining revegetation planted in December 2003. 7\11 Materials NOC filed March 2003. HART NOC filed May 2004. A separate limited irrigation & maintenance agreement is in place for 2004, funded by MWD.
Design Manual	Full	Completed with Final Report submitted 26 February 2004.
Course Sediment	Full	Report was completed with modifications on methods and techniques to protect existing salmonid habitats during implementation. The CBDA Science Panel has accepted the CSMP as part of their acceptance of the LG Sediment Infusion Project.
RM 43	Full	The Project was completed in September 2005 and post project monitoring was started in time for this year's salmon run.

Agency Limiting Factor Analysis and Recommended Studies	Ĩ	TUOLUMNE RIVER FISHERIES STUDY PLAN	
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Chimook Salmon Studies		nova	
1.1. Outnook Samtou escapement and read surveys 1.2. Otolith and/or Scale Age analysis		<ol> <li>Expanded analysis of existing CWT data at other recovery locations</li> <li>Experimental winter pulse flow schedule</li> </ol>	1.4, 1.13
1.3 Rotary Screw Trap. Jan-Jun Upper and Lower Sites	1.3		. 1.3. 2.6
1.4 CW I smolt survival studies during non-low flows	1.1		
1.5 Smoit Tagging – Predation & other mortality factors	5.1	-	1
1.0 JUVENUE FISH FIISTOLOGY, FHYSIOLOGY, and Disease Study 1.7 Predeter TD study Edd March 4			
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1.9 Pre-Spawn Mortality Study			1.16
1.10 Intensive Redd Use Surveys	2.4	2.4 Neural invitioning and enletgence trapping 2.5 Assessment of the 1995 FSA Section 1.2 Drocram	1.10, 1.16
1.11 Pilot Delta Fry Contribution Study using Microchemical and Microstructural Methods			
1.12 Water Temperature Monitoring	6.1	III. Fry Survival	T
1.13 Early vs. Late Smolt Survival: Reanalysis of existing CWT data	1.1	3.1 Paired Rotary Screw Trap (RST) Monitoring	
1.14 Model relationship between flow and floodplain area inundated.			
1.15 Fall Pulse Flow Straying Study AFRP Stillwater Ongoing Juvenile Use at Restoration Sites		<sup>3.3</sup> Synthesis of ongoing and planned spawning and emergence studies with RST data	
1.16 Egg survival to emergence studies in restoration gravels	2.3, 2.4		
1.1/ Water Temperature Modeling-Thermal Response (e.g. HECSQ)	6.2	IV. Steelhead Presence/Protection	
1.18 Water Temperature Modeling-Juvenile Production (e.g. SALMOD or ORCM)	6.2	4.1 Summer population estimate	222425
1.19 Predation stomach contents Apr-Jun-(Electrofishing, Angling, Gill Net Study)	5.2	4.2 Sampling of O. mykiss for Anadromy	1.4, 1.2, 1.6
1.20 Water Quality Contaminant Bioassay Lab Study		4.3 Synthesize results of past and ongoing studies by 2011	215
1.21 Juvenile food source study			ì
1.22 Entrainment studies at unscreened diversions		V. Predator Control	
1.23 Flow Ramping Rates and Riparian Vegetation Recruitment Surveys		5.1 Monitoring of Completed Predator Isolation Projects	ų,
1.24 Phase III Quantify Fry and Smolt Losses from Predation	5.2		C.1 4010171
Steelhead Studies		5.4 Paired Rotary Screw Trap (RST) Monitoring	
2.1 Otolith and Scale Study			
2.2 Restored Site Snorkel of Videography Surveys		VI. River Temperature	
2.3 Electro-fishing Adult Mark-Recapture Study	4,1	6.1 Continue Temperature Monitoring	110 0 11
2.4 Adult Abundance—Snorkeling Survey	4.1		117 118 212 212
2.5 Juvenile Abundance Snorkel Surveys	4.1		
2.6 Rotary Screw Trap Sampling	1.3		
2.7 Juvenile Gill- ATPase Study			
2.8 IFIM Study			
2.9 Radio Telemetry/Sonic Tag Study			
2.1 Creel/Poaching Survey			
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2.12 Water Temperature Modeling-Thermal Response (e.g. HEC5Q)	6.2		
2.13 Water Temperature Modeling-Juvenile Production (e.g. SALMOD or ORCM)	6.2		
2.14 Adult Kedd Survey			
Z. 10 Lumiting Factors Analysis	4.3		

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