

## Delta Smelt Working Group Conference Call Minutes

November 22, 2005

Participating: Gonzalo Castillo (USFWS), Mike Chotkowski (USBR), Kevin Fleming (CDFG), Peter Johnsen (USFWS), Matt Nobriga (CDWR), Jim White (CDFG) and Victoria Poage (USFWS, convener and scribe)

### For Discussion:

Action items from November 17:

1. Mike Chotkowski will take a look at the historical data and attempt to predict a winter salvage peak.
2. Bruce Herbold and Jim White will bring up the use of b(2) water for delta smelt with the b(2) IT and provide feedback to the DSWG.

### Recommendation for WOMT:

No recommendations at this time.

### Minutes:

1. Mike Chotkowski is using a new database to assist the DSWG in determining the most advantageous way in which to deploy the available environmental water. He expects to have this task completed sometime in the next couple of working days, and will distribute his results via e-mail prior to the next scheduled conference call on Monday, November 28. The DSWG recognized the need to specifically state the risks/tradeoffs of a winter action that uses a large percentage of the annual environmental water budget; however, it will not be possible to know what would have happened absent an action. There was agreement that a change from the previously used strategy emphasizing late-spring actions to protect juvenile smelt is appropriate.
2. Jim White and Bruce Herbold have not yet had the opportunity to bring a discussion of the potential use of b(2) assets to the B2IT, which will not meet again before December 1.

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Next Meeting: Conference call Monday, November 28 at 3:00 pm.

Submitted,  
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