

**Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project
Fine Sediment Management Study Group**

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Questionnaire for March 30 meeting

Please respond to the following questions, and circulate your responses to the Study Group members, and to Norma Camacho and Mary Selkirk, by COB, Friday, March 18, 2011.

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Based on the consolidated flip-chart notes from the February 2 and 24 meetings:

1. Are there any other **major** constraints (or concerns by your organization) to the three major management options, *other than those listed on the notes? Our concerns will be addressed in the reinitiated consultation. Currently, we do not see any major constraints.*
2. Are there any other **major** data gaps or information needs, *other than those listed on the notes? We need data from surveys conducted according to USFWS protocol for least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher. Also, the Corps will need to provide an effects analysis for these species if detected, as well as an effects analysis for California red-legged frog designated critical habitat and tidewater goby (depending upon the alternative selected).*
3. In your opinion, what are the **top three** data gaps or information needs that must be answered in order to develop a viable consensus solution to managing the fine sediments in Matilija Reservoir as part of the Matilija Dam removal project? *Please be as specific as possible and list them in descending order as you would prioritize them. (1= first choice, 2=second, 3= third).*
 1. *Effects of sediment disposal on the environment;*
 2. *Suggestions from water agencies on a viable means to dispose of the sediments;*
 3. *Accurate cost analyses for hybrid alternatives.*
4. In complete sentences---but in either bullet-item or paragraph format---please draft a **summary request for proposal/scope of work**, including expertise needed, to respond to the top data gaps or information needs that you have identified in Question 3 above. *The request for proposal should just list the data gaps we identify that need to be addressed. Any consultants or contractors who wish to perform the work should provide their scope of work and associated fees.*
5. Looking forward, post Study Group: Do you have any other suggestions about *how* we should continue to develop solutions to the major data gaps on the fine sediments? *Developing solutions isn't the problem. We know what the data gaps are; we just need to collect the data and move forward.*