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Fwd: Follow-up on Database projects

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Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 4:05 PM

To: Gerry McChesney <gerry_mcchesney@fws.gov>, Anne Morkill <anne_morkill@fws.gov>, Chris Barr <chris_barr@fws.gov>

Hi Gerry,

We got this today information today from Rachel London. The Department will accept a schedule change of 30 days or less with no need for further explanation or waiver but anything 31 days or longer we need to provide an explanation. For Farallones we can explain in the Database that the Review Team briefing was rescheduled to February 22nd and since we can't issue the FEIS until we have the Review Team briefing we had to reschedule the ROD signature by 6 weeks. We can't reschedule to mid-July without additional explanation or possibly a waiver request. I will look back at the dates we talked about yesterday.

Per Rachel ---

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From: **London, Rachel** <rachel_london@fws.gov>

Date: Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 10:31 AM

Subject: Re: Follow-up on Database projects

To: Pelz, Mark <mark_pelz@fws.gov>

Cc: Patricia Roberson <patricia_roberson@fws.gov>, Ben Thatcher <ben_thatcher@fws.gov>

Hi Mark and Patricia,

I just was updated on a Departmental meeting that took place yesterday - we were given some assignments and provided some instruction on EISs that I need to share with you.

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Regarding the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project at Eden Landing, I've been asked to set up a meeting with you all plus the refuges chief (I'm not sure who that would be - could you let me know please?) and some folks in ES here at HQ - Ben Thatcher, Chief for the Branch of Environmental Review, and Craig Aubrey, Chief of the Division of Environmental Review. They are primarily responsible for implementing S.O. 3355 at the ES HQ level. They'd like to discuss the project in more detail and provide some guidance on the best way to comply with NEPA in this case, with the direction they're leaning in being to pull out of the joint EIR/EIS and cover the federal action (issuance of grants) with an EA.

I'll send out an invite for that, just wanted to give you a heads up! Please give me a call if you have any questions or want to discuss any of this - thank you!

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On Thu, Jan 31, 2019 at 4:37 PM Pelz, Mark <mark_pelz@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Rachel,

A brief update on the [M&T/Llano Seco Fish Screen Facility](#): we will be canceling the project in the NEPA Tracking Database. This is due to the fact that our state partner is unable to meet the DOI page and time limits (SO3355) for a combined EIS/EIR and the project alternatives have evolved such that most of the alternatives are not on refuge lands. In other words, our decision/approval (if any) will be a small part of the overall project which we plan to cover in a EA once the project progresses further.

Regarding the [South Farallon Islands Invasive House Mouse Eradication Project](#), we plan to send a new Review Team briefing request in today. We are hoping to schedule to briefing for 2/22, which would be 6 weeks after the previous briefing was canceled due to the shutdown. If we are able to brief on 2/22, the remaining milestones (i.e. Final EIS NOA& ROD) will need to be bumped by 6-8 weeks.

I believe Chris Barr already gave you an update on the [South Bay Salt Pond Restoration \(Eden Landing Ecological Reserve\)](#)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Mark

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On Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 11:11 AM London, Rachel <rachel_london@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thanks for the update on the phone on the M&T project, South Bay Salt Pond Restoration at Eden Landing, and S. Farallon Islands, as well as verifying that the RODs have been signed for South Bay Salt Pond at Don Edwards NWR and Otay River.

After a quick discussion here, I've updated the Database to indicate that the latter two projects have been completed, and will not make any other notes or changes in the database at this time. We'll brief up the status on the other 3 - please keep in touch with any new developments!

Thanks,

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