



FACT SHEET

San Joaquin River Restoration Program Interim Flow Releases

Additional water releases, called Interim Flows, are being released into the San Joaquin River downstream of Friant Dam as part of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program and the Settlement in *NRDC et al v. Kirk Rodgers, et al* reached in September 2006.

These experimental flows will provide valuable information regarding temperatures, fish needs, seepage losses, shallow groundwater conditions, recirculation, recapture and reuse conditions, channel capacity (high and low flows), and levee stability. This information will be used in designing the major improvements needed in the river and informing the fish agencies as they craft a salmon reintroduction plan.

The periodic releases will range from 350 cubic feet per second (cfs) up to 1,660 cfs, with a maximum flow of 1,300 cfs reaching the Chowchilla Bifurcation Structure. These flow rates have been limited such that no flooding or seepage impacts are expected to occur, and will be reduced, if necessary, if any such impacts are anticipated or observed to occur. Interim Flow amounts after February 2010 will stay within the range described above, but are not currently known and will vary depending on the hydrology.

Anticipated Interim Flow Release Schedule From Friant Dam Through February 2010 All values in cubic feet per second (cfs)

Interim Flow Periods	Expected/Normal Riparian Release	Estimated Interim Flow Release	Total Estimated Release From Friant Dam
October 1 – 30, 2009	160 cfs	190 cfs	350 cfs
October 31 – November 13, 2009	130 cfs	570 cfs	700 cfs
November 14, 2009	120 cfs	210 cfs	330 cfs
November 15, 2009 – January 31, 2010	120 cfs	0 cfs	120 cfs
February 1 – 28, 2010 [†]	120 cfs	210 cfs	330 cfs

[†]Flows after February 2010 will be determined based on Reclamation's projections of the water year type.

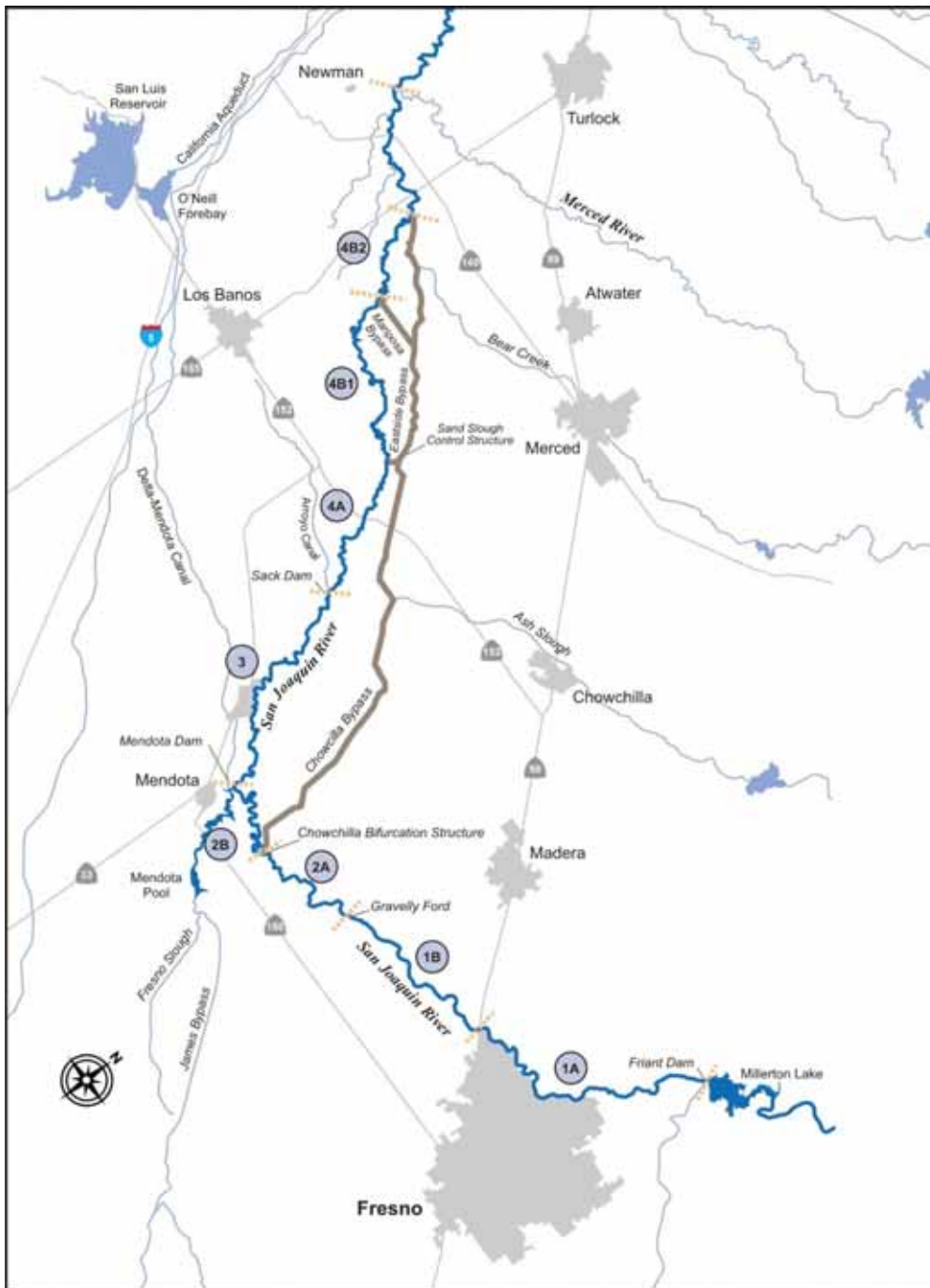
For more information, visit www.restoresjr.net

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Recreation in the San Joaquin River during Interim Flow Releases

People who recreate in or along the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to Gravelly Ford should be aware of the potential for periodic higher flows beginning in late 2009. Casual observers may not notice the increased flows, but during Interim Flow releases there will be more water in the river channel than usual. Boaters, fisherman, canoers and kayakers as well as swimmers and waders should be prepared for changing river conditions. For the most current information on the Interim Flows and real time flow data, visit www.restoresjr.net.

San Joaquin River Reaches



Additional Recreational Opportunities in the Area Include:

- Millerton Lake
- Pine Flat Lake
- Lake Kaweah
- Shaver Lake
- Eastman Lake
- Kings River
- Kaweah River

Legend

-  San Joaquin River
-  Reach 1 – Friant Dam to Gravelly Ford
-  Reach 2 – Gravelly Ford to Medota Dam
-  Reach 3- Mendota to Sack Dam
-  Reach 4 – Sack Dam to Eastside Bypass Confluence
-  Reach 5 – Eastside Bypass Confluence to the Merced River