

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## PTMS Update

Program to Meet Standards

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# PTMS Background

- **Public Law 108-361**
- **Legislation focused on Stanislaus and San Joaquin Rivers**
- **Secretary of Interior**

*“...to develop and initiate implementation of a program to meet all existing water quality standards and objectives for which the Central Valley Project has responsibility,...”*

# PTMS Background

## Measures identified in PTMS

- **Recirculation Project**
- **Salinity Discharge Reduction and Improvement**
- **New Melones Revised Plan of Operation**
- **Wetlands Best Management Practices Plan**

# PTMS Objective

**Assist Reclamation in meeting its permit obligations  
for the CVP on the San Joaquin River**

- **Primary focus - salinity**
- **Secondary focus - flow**
- **Authority focused on the CVP**

# PTMS Projects

## Recirculation Project

### Objective -

*“... to provide flow, reduce salinity concentrations in the San Joaquin river, and reduce the reliance on the New Melones Reservoir for meeting water quality and fishery flow objectives through the use of excess capacity in export pumping and conveyance facilities...”*

# PTMS Projects

## Salinity Discharge Reduction and Improvement

### Objective -

*The Secretary shall also coordinate with other entities that discharge water into the San Joaquin River “to reduce salinity concentrations discharged into the San Joaquin River, including the timing of discharges to optimize their assimilation.”*

# PTMS Projects

## New Melones Revised Plan of Operation

### Objective –

*Revise the current operating plan to consider actions “designed to reduce the reliance on the Reservoir for meeting water quality and fishery flow objectives, and to ensure that actions to enhance fisheries in the Stanislaus River are based on the best available science.*

# PTMS Projects

## Wetlands Best Management Practices Plan

### Objective –

*“...to reduce the water quality impacts of the discharges from wildlife refuges that receive water from the Federal Government and discharge salt or other constituents to the San Joaquin River”.*

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