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Good news - the Review Team accepted the revised Farallones schedule without a waiver. I've updated the Database to reflect the FEIS NOA date of March 15th and the ROD date of June 20th and added an explanation for the change. We also had permitting dates in the database - on the most recent schedule we have the NOA consultation starting on 2/27/2019. Were we able to send the NOAA consultation request?

Patricia

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Greetings –

As a reminder, the meetings with Jim Cason on NEPA Streamlining are now held monthly rather than every other week. Here are the highlights from the 3/5/19 meeting:

EIS SCHEDULE REVISIONS

- 2 revised schedules with adjustments >30 days were approved: Hanford Reach National Monument and South Farallon Islands House Mouse Eradication. **Please ensure the Database reflects the revised schedules for these two projects.**
- **All other revised schedules with adjustments >30 days (SEE LIST HERE) need to submit waivers.** Waivers will only be considered for delays that are external and beyond our control. Ensure that waivers describe all attempts to reconcile external issues in a timely and persistent manner. Depending on the issue, the Department may intervene and contact external partners directly to help move projects forward.
- The Department has a [new waiver template](#) we must use from this point forward. The only change is the addition of question 5 which asks “Was a waiver or extension previously granted, and if so, how much time or how many pages were previously approved?”.

DATABASE “PAUSED” STATUS

- The NEPA Tracking and Permitting Database is being updated to better align with the FAST-41/E.O. 13807 Dashboard. The drop-down options for “Project Status” will change to align with the Dashboard’s terms and definitions. “Paused” status should only be selected for projects with external delays (e.g. natural disasters; project sponsor factors; or tribal, local, or state government factors). The comment box will continue to be used to provide further detail and explanation.
- The [One Federal Decision MOU](#) should be implemented to elevate and address issues and delays caused by internal disagreements among agencies. Internal delays can’t be used to justify use of “Paused” status.

REVIEW TEAM BRIEFINGS

- We will be transitioning into a new process for scheduling Review Team briefings. The changes are limited to the scheduling and facilitation of the meetings; they do not affect the substance of the briefings or approval. Maureen Foster will assume the duties associated with scheduling and facilitating Review Team Briefings that were previously the responsibility of Gareth Rees. A memo describing the changes is in surname and will be shared when it’s available.

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