

Water Operations Management Team Notes

December 7, 2022

Members Attending

- USBR: Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Evan Sawyer (Acting)
- DWR: Mike Ford (Acting)
- SWRCB: Matt Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of November 30, 2022, Meeting Notes: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/13
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/13
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 12/15
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 12/15
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 12/21
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 12/8
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: 2/23
 - Shasta Planning Group: not currently meeting
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: All flows are at minimum. Trinity River releases at 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are at 3,250 cfs. Clear Creek releases are 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are 1,300 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) flows are at 200 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit targeting 800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 196 TAF.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 1,400 cfs decreasing to 1,200 cfs tomorrow. Exports at Clifton Court Forebay are 300 cfs

today and expected to hold for next couple of days. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 323 TAF.

- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 12/06/22 – 12/12/2022
 - 20221206 Proposed Action Assessment
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 12/06/2022
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 12/06/2022
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - FWS:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - CDFW:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - NMFS:
 - Steelhead 6-year study – 2019 BA committed to an extension of this study, however this season the SWFSC’s request for 1,000 steelhead was denied. SWFSC would like better understanding of why the request was denied and what changes may be made to the study so as to secure CDFW approval. CDFW has already elevated internally and will respond with more information.
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - DWR:
 - Initial allocation for SWP released last week: 5 percent plus Health and Safety.
 - SWRCB:
 - Lifted curtailments in Delta watershed yesterday, and plan to issue a lifting notice for Term 91 today. If hydrological conditions degrade, the Board may reinstate curtailments.
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Dry today, but more rain beginning Thursday night. Wet weekend with significant snow and precipitation expected. There may be a drier weather pattern after this weekend.

- TUCP/TUCO & Drought Updates
 - Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP), TUC Order (TUCO), and related documents (including information reported by Reclamation and DWR) are available on the [Water Board website](#).
 - No updates.
- Discussion Items
 - No discussion items.
- Elevation Items
 - No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 1-1:50 p.m.