

Water Operations Management Team Notes

March 23, 2023

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Kristin White, Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Brooke Jacobs, Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Howard Brown, Garwin Yip
- DWR: Molly White
- SWRCB: Diane Riddle, Matt Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week:
 - March 15, 2023 Notes: Approved, final notes sent out yesterday.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 3/28
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 3/28
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 4/6
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 4/20
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 4/19
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): TBD (met 3/16)
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursday): 3/23; SRTTG Update Meeting (monthly on second Thursday, as needed): 4/13
 - Shasta Planning Group (meets biweekly on Tuesday or as needed): 3/28
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 3/21/23 – 3/27/2023
 - 20230321 Proposed Action Assessment
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 3/21/2023
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 3/21/2023

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River releases are at 1,250 cfs for ongoing winter variability flows. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are currently at 3,650 cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) releases are at 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are at 10,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) releases are at 1,500 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 5 units and targeting 4,200 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 845 TAF (projected to fill in early April).
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 15,000 cfs. Clifton Court exports are 6,680 cfs; the maximum limit per Army Corps permit requirements. State share of San Luis Reservoir is full.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - After today's storm, not much precipitation in the forecast until a small event next Tuesday and Wednesday.
 - Air temperatures are projected to be cooler than average for the coming week.
 - River stage at Vernalis is hovering at the flood/danger stage at least through the weekend, and is projected to remain above monitor stage for at least the next ten days.
- Upcoming Actions or Updates
 - Reclamation:
 - Reclamation expects to update allocations sometime next week.
 - No discussion items.
 - FWS:
 - No actions or discussion items.
 - CDFW:
 - No actions or discussion items.
 - NMFS:
 - No actions or discussion items.
 - DWR:
 - No actions or discussion items.
 - SWRCB:
 - Written public comment deadline extended to April 14, 2023, for comments on "Potential Legal Delta and Return Flow Water Supply Refinements to the Water Unavailability Methodology for the Delta Watershed". No discussion items.
- Discussion Items

- Shasta Planning Group (SPG)
 - SPG will meet every other week or as needed; next meeting March 28
 - SPG will self-facilitate next week since the usual facilitators will be unavailable.
 - Reclamation will be providing an update on expected Shasta storage, including information about the levels of confidence that (a) Shasta storage will surpass 3.5 MAF, (b) the upper gates of the Temperature Control Device will be available, and (c) Shasta will fill.
- Action Items
 - No action items.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 1-1:50 p.m.