

# Water Operations Management Team Notes

March 29, 2023

## Members Attending

- Reclamation: Kristin White, ~~Liz Kiteck~~
- USFWS: Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Garwin Yip
- DWR: Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo
- SWRCB: Diane Riddle, Matt Holland

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week:
  - March 22, 2023 Notes: Approved, final notes sent out Monday.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/4
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/4
  - 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): 6/15
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursday): 4/27; SRTTG Update Meeting (monthly on second Thursday, as needed): 4/13
  - Shasta Planning Group (meets biweekly on Tuesday or as needed): 4/18
- Relevant Assessments
  - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 3/28/23 – 4/3/2023
  - 20230328 Proposed Action Assessment
  - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 3/28/2023
  - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 3/28/2023

- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity River releases are at 1,100 cfs for ongoing winter variability flows. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are currently at 3,250 cfs; likely to hold there unless see some side flows into Keswick. American River (Nimbus) releases are at 7,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) releases are at 300 cfs for a few days in support of monitoring needs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 5 units; expected to decrease to 4 units on Saturday. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 909 TAF (projected to fill in early April). Once the federal share of San Luis is full, pumping will depend on real-time demand.
  - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 15,000 cfs. Clifton Court exports are 5,500 cfs; limited only by real-time demand. State share of San Luis Reservoir is full.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
  - After today and until April 4, there is a low chance of precipitation except maybe in the north. After April 4, the forecast looks dry.
  - Reclamation noted that in 1995, extended cold spring weather delayed snowmelt runoff in some basins.
- Upcoming Actions or Updates
  - Reclamation:
    - Reclamation issued [updated allocations](#) yesterday (3/28/23).
    - 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:
    - No actions or discussion items.
- Discussion Items
  - Shasta Planning Group (SPG)

- Will consider at the next meeting (mid-April) the SRTTG proposal and recommendation regarding a spring pulse flow (likely to be implemented in late April or May).
  - The draft Sacramento River temperature management plan is expected 4/27/23; the schedule for the final plan will depend on plan details and the projected timing of reservoir stratification
- Action Items
    - No action items.
  - Elevation Items
    - No elevation items.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, April 5, 1-1:50 p.m.