

Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 5, 2023

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Kristin White, Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Brooke Jacobs, Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Howard Brown, Garwin Yip
- DWR: Lenny Grimaldo, Mike Ford (Acting)
- SWRCB: Diane Riddle, Matt Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week:
 - March 29, 2023 Notes: Approved, final notes sent out yesterday.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/11
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/11
 - 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 4/4/23 – 4/10/2023
 - 20230404 Proposed Action Assessment
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 4/4/2023
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 4/4/2023

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River releases are at 3,000 cfs, dropping down to 2,500 cfs for ongoing winter variability flows; will transition to Spring ROD flows in mid-April. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are currently at 3,250 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are at 7,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) releases are at 1,500 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 4 units; tomorrow will decrease to 1 unit targeting 800 cfs then plan to increase to 2 units on Sunday to meet direct demands. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 955 TAF and projected to fill tomorrow.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 8,000 cfs, decreasing to 7,750 cfs tomorrow and 7,500 cfs Friday. Clifton Court exports are 6,000 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is full at 1.06 MAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - A little rain expected Thursday through Saturday, which will lead to a little more snow in the mountains. Temperatures warming this week but predicted to cool again next week.
- Upcoming Actions or Updates
 - Reclamation:
 - No actions or 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:
 - All curtailments and associated reporting requirements have been suspended, although the regulation remains in effect.
- Discussion Items
 - Shasta Planning Group (SPG)
 - Will consider at the April 18 meeting the SRTTG proposal and recommendation regarding a spring pulse flow (expected after their April 13 meeting, 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
 - Facilitator will confirm SWRCB representation on SPG and send out updated invitation for 4/18 [Completed]
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 1-1:50 p.m.