

# Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 12, 2023

## Members Attending

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

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week:
  - April 5, 2023 Notes: Approved, final notes sent out this morning.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/18
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/18
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 4/20
  - 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): 4/14 at 3pm
- Relevant Assessments
  - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 4/11/23 – 4/17/2023
  - 20230411 Proposed Action Assessment
  - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 11 April 2023
  - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 11 April 2023

- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity River releases are at 4,000 cfs for winter variability flows, and will transition directly into the spring pulse flow (not yet scheduled). Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are currently at 3,250 cfs. Clear Creek releases are at 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are at 7,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) releases are at 1,500 cfs and will drop to 300 cfs for two days next week for study purposes (i.e., collection of egg basket). Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 2 units targeting 1,600 cfs to meet direct demands. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is full at 964 TAF.
  - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases increased to 10,500 cfs yesterday for a pulse flow in the Feather River Low Flow Channel ; beginning today, flows will be redistributed to the Feather River High Flow Channel to begin ramping down from the pulse flow. Clifton Court exports are 3,500 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is full at 1.06 MAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
  - Forecast showing an approximately half-inch precipitation hitting Northern California at the end of the 5-day period.
- 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:
    - DWR released Bulletin 120 for April 1: Both the Sacramento River and the San Joaquin River are classified as Wet.
    - Beginning April 1 and through May 31, SWP is required to operate to I:E ratio, per COA 8.17 of the SWP Incidental Take Permit. This COA is currently offramped because the three-day average Delta Outflow is greater than 44,500 cfs.
  - SWRCB:
    - No actions or discussion items.
- Discussion Items

- Shasta Planning Group (SPG)
  - Meeting on Friday (4/14) to consider 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
  - No action items.
- Elevation Items
  - No elevation items.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, April 19, 1-1:50 p.m.