

Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 19, 2023

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Kristin White
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Barb Byrne (acting)
- DWR: Molly White
- SWRCB: Matt Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week:
 - April 12, 2023 Notes: Approved, final notes sent out yesterday.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (weekly on Tuesdays): 4/25
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (weekly on Tuesdays): 4/25
 - Feather River Operations Group (monthly first and third Thursdays): 4/20
 - American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 4/20
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 5/17
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 6/15
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (monthly on fourth Thursday): 4/27
 - Shasta Planning Group (meets biweekly on Tuesday or as needed): 5/2
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 4/18/23 – 4/24/2023
 - 20230418 Proposed Action Assessment
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 18 April 2023
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 18 April 2023

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River releases are at 9,000 for a pulse flow; two more pulses are expected before late May, when it will transition to summer releases. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are currently at 3,250 cfs, but going to 4,500 cfs on Friday as a test flow in preparation for two pulse flows (next week and in early May). Clear Creek releases are at 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are at 7,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) releases are increasing from 300 cfs back to 1,500 cfs after reduction for egg basket retrieval. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 2 units targeting 1,600 cfs to meet direct demands, and may go up temporarily this week due to negative power pricing. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is full at 963 TAF.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 15,000 cfs since Saturday, 4/15, and plan to hold while monitoring inflow. Clifton Court exports are 4,500 cfs and limited by real-time demands. State share of San Luis Reservoir is full at 1.06 MAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Fairly dry conditions expected for the next week or two.
- Upcoming Actions or Updates
 - Reclamation:
 - Expecting allocation update later this week.
 - A press release on spring pulse flow will come out tomorrow or Friday.
 - 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)
 - Proposed spring pulse flow was discussed and approved at meeting last Friday 4/14.

- Action Items
 - No action items.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 1-1:50 p.m.