

# Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 26, 2023

## Members Attending

- Reclamation: Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Howard Brown
- DWR: Mike Ford (acting)
- SWRCB: Matt Holland

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week:
  - April 19, 2023 Notes: Approved, final notes sent out this morning.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (weekly on Tuesdays): 5/2
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (weekly on Tuesdays): 5/2
  - Feather River Operations Group (monthly first and third Thursdays): 5/4
  - American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 5/18
  - 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): 5/18
  - Shasta Planning Group (meets biweekly on Tuesday or as needed): 5/16
- Relevant Assessments
  - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 4/25/2023 – 5/1/2023
  - 20230424 Proposed Action Assessment
  - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 4/25/2023
  - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 4/25/2023

- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity River releases are at 10,000 cfs 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 8,500 cfs and increasing to 9,000 cfs on Saturday. Clear Creek releases are at 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are at 7,000 cfs and going to 7,500 cfs tomorrow and 8,000 cfs on Saturday. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) releases are at 1,500 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 3 units targeting 2,700 cfs to meet direct demands. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is full at 961 TAF.
  - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 18,000 cfs and plan to increase to 20,000 cfs tomorrow. Seeing inflow from melting snow. Will reassess on Monday. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 3,500 cfs and limited by real-time demands and will increase to 5,500 cfs tomorrow and may decrease to around 4,000 cfs over the weekend. State share of San Luis Reservoir is full at 1.06 MAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
  - Above normal day and night temperatures, leading to increased snow melt. Next week will have a cooling trend and slow down snow melt. Possibility of thunderstorms.
- 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. Discussion item on elevated level of accidental euthanasia at Tracy Facility.
  - DWR:
    - No actions or discussion items. Did increase allocations to 100%.
  - SWRCB:
    - No actions or discussion items.
- Discussion Items
  - Elevated level of accidental euthanasian of Spring-run Chinook salmon, Winter-run Chinook salmon and steelhead at Tracy Fish Collection Facility reported at

SaMT. NMFS and CDFW want to understand reasons for increased levels. Reclamation is following up internally to better understand situation at Tracy Fish Collection Facility. DWR is aware of heightened concern by fisheries agencies and working to ensure state facilities do not have same occurrence. Reclamation to follow up with WOMT next week.

- Action Items
  - Reclamation to report out to WOMT next week on reasons for elevated euthanasia at Tracy Fish Collection Facility and steps to remedy situation.
- Elevation Items
  - No elevation items.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, May 3, 1-1:50 p.m.