

Water Operations Management Team Notes

December 6, 2023

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Liz Kiteck, Levi Johnson
- USFWS: Jana Affonso
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Barb Byrne (acting)
- DWR: Molly White
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: 12/5/23
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT)(weekly on Tuesday): 12/12/23
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT)(weekly on Tuesday): 12/12/23
 - Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 12/7/23
 - American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 12/21/23
 - Stanislaus Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 12/20/23
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 12/14/23
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 12/05/23 – 12/11/23
 - Proposed Action Assessment 12/5/23
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 12/5/23
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 12/5/23
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River release is 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 5,000 cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) release is 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is 2,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 200 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 3 units, targeting 2,700 cfs. Will add an additional unit, totaling

to 4 units, this Friday (12/8/23) targeting 3,600 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 714 TAF.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are 1,750 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 2,500 cfs, ranging between 2,000 – 3,000 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 421 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation): A system is moving in today and will clear out by tomorrow. The storm spans the northern portion of California and as far south as Monterey. The current forecast indicates that the North coast is expected to receive around 2-3 inches, Central coast around a 1/10th of an inch, the Bay Area anywhere from a ½ to 1 inch, the Sacramento Valley a ¼ to 1 inch, and the Sierras could see as much as 1/10th of an inch. There is new system forecasted for later next week, with the heaviest rainfall occurring the weekend of December 16th. The 6-10 day outlook indicates above normal temperatures for most of California, and precipitation is projected at near-normal to slightly-below-normal throughout California. Overall, the Northern Sierra 8-Station Index is tracking below average around 4.5 inches (normally at this time 10 inches would be expected). In regard to storage, we are currently above the historic average, and are tracking to maintain above average in the near future.
 - DWR noted that the seasonal climate outlook, which includes December, January, and February, indicates above average precipitation throughout California.
- 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 discussion items.
 - Action item: Initial 2024 SWP water supply allocation was issued at 10% on 12/1/23.
 - SWRCB:
 - No actions or discussion items.
- Discussion Items
 - No discussion items.

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

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 1-1:50 p.m.