

Water Operations Management Team Notes

January 24, 2023

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last meeting: 1/23/24
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 1/29/24
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 1/29/24
 - Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 2/1/24
 - American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 2/15/24
 - Stanislaus Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 2/21/24
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 3/21/24
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (SRTTG)(monthly on fourth Thursday): 2/22/24
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 1/23/24 – 1/29/24
 - Proposed Action Assessment 1/23/24
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 1/23/24
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 1/23/24
- 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 1,750 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 1,000 cfs. Reclamation's

Delta pumping is 3 units targeting 2,700 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 833 TAF.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are 1,750 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 500 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 390 TAF.
- The Integrated Early Winter Pulse Protection (IEWPP, or “First Flush”) was triggered on 1/21/24, and both CVP and SWP are managing to a 14-day average OMR Index no more negative than 2,000 cfs from 1/23/24 through 2/5/24.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation):
 - Expecting rain today through Saturday, likely 1-1.5 inches on the Coast and near Redding, but only 0.1-0.25 inches in the Valley. Forecasts show a larger hydrologic system coming next week, but it is still uncertain how much precipitation it will bring and where.
- Upcoming Actions, Updates, and Discussion Items
 - Reclamation:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - FWS:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - CDFW:
 - Discussion item: Developing a notification and communication process for operational changes due to real-time triggers.
 - No actions or updates.
 - NMFS:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - DWR:
 - No actions, updates, or additional discussion items.
 - SWRCB:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- Discussion Items
 - Developing a notification and communication process for operational changes due to real-time triggers:
 - CDFW and DWR have been discussing ways to improve communications and documentation so that it is clear which ITP condition is controlling and for what period. They are drafting a communication plan as guidance for future notifications between the agencies and among technical teams, WOMT, and operators.

- The draft plan is focused on ITP implementation, but it could be a useful starting point for a broader discussion and developing a guidance document for WOMT. CDFW will send the draft communication plan to WOMT early next week, and WOMT will plan to discuss on 1/31.
- Elevation Items:
 - No elevation items.
- Action Items:
 - CDFW to send out draft communications plan by 1/30
- Next Meeting:
 - Wednesday, January 31, 1-1:50 p.m.