

Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 3, 2024

Members Attending

- Reclamation: **Elizabeth Kiteck, Levi Johnson**
- USFWS: **Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga**
- CDFW: **Erica Meyers (acting)**
- NMFS: **Howard Brown, Barb Byrne (acting)**
- DWR: **Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo**
- SWRCB: **Matthew Holland**

Topics/Actions

- Approval of meeting notes from last meeting: 3/27/24
- Reminder to have edits for ad hoc meeting (3/25/24): 3/29/24
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 4/9/24
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 4/9/24
 - Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 4/18/24
 - American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 4/25/24
 - Stanislaus Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 4/17/24
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 6/13/24
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (SRTTG) (monthly on fourth Thursday): 4/25/24
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook: 4/2/24 – 4/8/24
 - Proposed Action Assessment: 4/2/24
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 4/2/24
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 4/2/24
- Operational Updates

- CVP: Trinity River release is 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 4400 cfs decreasing to 4000 cfs on the 29th cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) and will decrease down to 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is decreasing to 4000 on 3/29/24. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 1,500 cfs with spring pulse. Reclamation's Delta Pumping is at 1 units targeting 900 cfs The Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is at 961 TAF.
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) release is 10,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 3,800 cfs and exports are projected between 600 to 3,800 cfs. The State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 535 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation):
 - Dry conditions and warm temperatures through midweek; unsettled weather brings cooler temperatures, chances of rain and snow, and gusty winds late week into the weekend.

Upcoming Actions, Updates, and Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Discussion Item:
 - OMR and Spring outflow discussion
 - No actions, updates.
- FWS:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- DWR:
 - Walk through DWR operations and 8.17
- SWRCB:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- The high flow condition in ITP Condition of Approval 8.17/2024 IOP may offramp on Friday 4/5. SWP exports would then likely be reduced per the ITP and CVP is operating at 1 unit. Expected export levels are likely to maintain 300 to -800 OMRI for 4/5.

- Through 4/9, Reclamation and DWR will be operating pursuant to the ITP/2024 IOP in a below normal water year type for the San Joaquin. Operations will continue to assume no more -2,500 cfs OMRI from 4/4/24 to 4/10/24. OMRI is not expected to be controlling during this time. It's possible San Joaquin moves from a BN to AN water year type with April B-120 issued 4/9/24.
- Reclamation discussed a proposal for how to address and account for spring outflow export curtailment per the 2024 IOP. WOMT agreed that agency representatives involved in the 2024 IOP will discuss and advise on this topic.
- Per the 2024 IOP, WOMT should document the biological rationale for scheduling and shaping of volumetric share or export reduction in the WOMT notes. WOMT plans to address in notes in the coming weeks.
- There was discussion about ensuring that the range of operations were provided to the technical teams.

Elevation Items

- NMFS: No elevation to directors consistent with scope of last week.

Action Items

- Prepare for the biological rational in the coming weeks pursuant to the IOP.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 1-1:50pm