

# Water Operations Management Team Notes

May 8, 2024

## Members Attending

- Reclamation: **Elizabeth Kiteck**
- USFWS: **Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga**
- CDFW: **Kristal Davis-Fadtke**
- NMFS: **Garwin Yip**
- DWR: **Molly White**
- SWRCB: **Diane Riddle, Matthew Holland**

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of meeting notes from last meeting: 5/1/2024
- Upcoming Meetings:
- Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 5/14/24
- Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 5/14/24
- Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 5/16/24
- American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 5/16/24
- Stanislaus Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 5/15/24
- Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 6/13/24
- Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (SRTTG) (monthly on fourth Thursday): 5/16/24
- Relevant Assessments
- Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook: 5/7/24 – 5/13/24
- Proposed Action Assessment: 5/7/24
- SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 5/7/24
- SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 5/7/24
- Operational Updates
- CVP: Trinity River release is at 4,000 cfs today and will slowly decrease through August 4. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 11,000 cfs reducing to 6,000 on 5/14/24. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) managed release is 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is 4,000 cfs.

Stanislaus River (Goodwin) is currently releasing 2,000 cfs with pulse flows, which are scheduled to continue through mid-May, with peaks up to 2,500 cfs. Reclamation's Delta Pumping is targeting 900 cfs (1 unit). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 847 TAF.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) release was 11,000 cfs and will range through the week between 7,000 and 12,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 600 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 553 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation):
  - Drier and warmer conditions return this week with gusty winds by mid-week. Valley temperatures may be near 90 degrees by late week.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates, and Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- FWS:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items
- DWR:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.

## Discussion Items

- The accounting for the 100 TAF is that ~ 80,000 TAF has been used so far. Reclamation estimates that all 100 TAF will have been used between May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>. The specific date depends on Vernalis flow.
- There has been no progress in determining whether additional biological rationale should be crafted by WOMT and/or the Technical Teams for inclusion in the notes.
  - Biological rationale for CVP exports to two units was discussed during the April 24, 2024 WOMT meeting and reflected in the notes, specifically, “Increasing CVP exports to two units extends the period of CVP export limitation under the IOP compared to one unit (because of a lower daily water cost); therefore, it is more protective of spring-run

Chinook salmon and steelhead, which are both likely to be in the Delta through May and into June.” There has not been a discussion at WOMT of biological rationale for CVP exports at one unit or exports of 2,700 cfs.

## **Elevation Items**

- No elevation items.

## **Action Items**

- Weekly: Biological rationale pursuant to the IOP (include in WOMT notes).
- Reclamation to provide an update on “spending” of the 100 TAF exports reductions.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, May 15, 1-1:50pm