

Water Operations Management Team Notes

May 15, 2024

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of meeting notes from last meeting: 5/21/24
- Upcoming Meetings:
- Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 5/28/24
- Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 5/28/24
- Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 6/6/24
- American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 6/20/24
- Stanislaus Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 6/19/24
- Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 6/13/24
- Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (SRTTG) (monthly on fourth Thursday): 5/23/24
- Shasta Planning Group (as needed): 5/28/24
- Relevant Assessments
- Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook: 5/21/24 – 5/27/24
- Proposed Action Assessment: 5/21/24
- SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 5/21/24
- SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 5/21/24
- Operational Updates

- CVP: Trinity River release is at 3,100 cfs today and will slowly decrease through August 4. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases range from 12,000 cfs decreasing to 6,500 cfs through Saturday. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) release is 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is 3,500 cfs going to 3,000 Friday. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) is currently releasing 1,000 cfs with pulse flows, which are scheduled to continue through the end of May, with peaks up to 2,500 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1800 cfs (2 units), going to 3,500 cfs 5/24. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 802 TAF.
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) release is 4,950 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 800 cfs depending on San Joaquin flows. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 480 TAF. Maintenance on Sunday down to 300 cfs complete late Friday.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation):
- Seasonably warm weather with moderate heat risk for this week. Mostly dry and breezy as well.

Upcoming Actions, Updates, and Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Desire for the projects to operate to -3500 cfs OMRI on 14 day average in June.
 - 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

- Reclamation: Desire for the projects to operate to -3500 cfs OMRI on 14-day average in June.
- DWR: What is the basis for -3500 cfs OMRI?
- Reclamation: This is our understanding of the upper limit of regulatory requirements.

- DWR: Would it open to -5000 cfs OMRI on June 1?
- NMFS: OMR flow management season for steelhead ends on June 15th, with offramps for temperature and presence.
- CDFW: Is this for discussion or just letting us know the intent?
- Reclamation: This speaks to the intent. Under the PA we do not have guidance on our OMRI levels. What is controlling aside from the -2500 cfs OMRI?
- DWR: We are not proposing a more negative OMRI.
- CDFW: SWP ITP requires weekly risk assessment. We cannot speak to what level of OMRI would be protective starting June 1 today.
- Reclamation: So we will propose the new operations in next Mondays operations so that the technical teams give advice to WOMT.

Elevation Items

- No elevation items.

Action Items

- No action items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 5/29/24, 1-1:50pm