



Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – October 16, 2024

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Elizabeth Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Stephen Maurano (Acting)
- DWR: Mike Ford (Acting)
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 10/15
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/5
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 10/17
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 10/17
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 10/16
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 12/12
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursday): 10/24; USST (as needed): met last week on, 10/8
 - Shasta Planning Group (as needed): met last week, 10/8
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 10/15/24 – 10/21/24
 - 20241008 Proposed Action Assessment
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary – No Risk Assessments Until November

- SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary – No Risk Assessments Until December
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River release has decreased from 450 to 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 6,800 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is 1,500 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 300 cfs. New Melones pulse flows are occurring now until early November and flows are 500 cfs today. Reclamation's Delta export is currently 5 units which is approximately 4,200 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 340 TAF. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown Dam) release is at 250 cfs. Delta Cross Channel Gates are open.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 2,450 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are at 0 cfs due to outage and herbicide application that is ongoing. Exports will start up again on the 17th. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 715 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Sprinkle of rain today but otherwise conditions are dry and cooling from previous weeks.

Upcoming Actions, Updates, or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
 - Discussion item: Power bypass on the American River.
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- Power bypass on the American

- ARG proposed yesterday on the 15th of blending cold water into the system with a 50% blend from the coldest power unit. Today was 100% blend in the next two days, the 17th and 18th, which will start at 100 cfs. on the bypass operation and then on the 18th, 19th, which will ramp up to 250 cfs. On November 7th, 8th and 9th, it'll be down ramped 250 cfs to 150 cfs. Then 150 cfs down to 50 cfs and then discontinued by November the 9th.
- Action Items
 - No action items.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 1-1:50 p.m.