

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – November 06, 2024

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Levi Johnson, Elizabeth Kiteck
- USFWS: Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Not Available
- NMFS: Howard Brown
- DWR: Tracy Hinojosa
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/12
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/12
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 11/21
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 11/21
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 11/20
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 12/12
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursday): 11/21; USST (as needed): met on, 10/08
 - Shasta Planning Group (as needed): met on,10/08
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 11/05/24 – 11/11/24
 - 20241105 Proposed Action Assessment
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 29 Oct 2024
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary – No Risk Assessments Until December
- Operational Updates

- CVP: Trinity River release is 300 cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown Dam) release is at 200 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 5,800 cfs and will be going down to minimum flow of 4,000 by November 17 and for the next three months. American River (Nimbus) release is 2,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 250 cfs today and decreasing to 200 cfs tomorrow for base winter flow. Reclamation's Delta export is currently 3 units and will be increasing to 4 units once repair work is completed. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 340 TAF. Delta Cross Channel Gates are open.
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 1,750 cfs today. Clifton Court Forebay exports are at 2,900 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 718 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Minor storm coming next week, otherwise and dry and relatively cool.

Upcoming Actions, Updates, or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Folsom Power Bypass Extension
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - Update by email prior to meeting: CDFW issued the Incidental Take Permit for Long-term Operations of the State Water Project to DWR on Monday. It is available at this link: [2024 State Water Project Incidental Take Permit](#) (Permit No. 2081-2023-054-00)
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- Bypass Extension Discussion in the American River Group (ARG).
 - Reclamation: Upon the request of CDFW, Reclamation evaluated extending the power bypass and will continue the power bypass for another week, with reevaluation next

week. CDFW said that water temperature was an issue; however, no specific target temperature was provided. Reclamation is seeking guidance from CDFW on what achievable water temperature they would like to see.

- CDFW Response (by email on 11/7/2024): The temperature and dissolved oxygen targets should be 56 degrees F and 7 mg/L, respectively, at both Hazel Avenue and Nimbus to support in-river and hatchery egg incubation and survival. These targets were provided in the power bypass request to Reclamation from the Fisheries Agencies on September 30.
- Action Items
 - Question: What specific temperature is CDFW hoping to see? (See response added to notes, above)
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 1-1:50 p.m.