

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – December 04, 2024

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Elizabeth Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Garwin Yip
- DWR: Mike Ford (Acting)
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from November 20: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/10
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/10
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 12/05
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 12/19
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 12/18
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 12/12
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursday): 12/26; USST (as needed): met on 10/08
 - Shasta Planning Group (as needed): met on 10/08
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 12/03/24 – 12/09/24
 - 20241203 Proposed Action Assessment
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River release is 300 cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown Dam) release is 200 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 4,000 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is 2,000 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 200 cfs. Reclamation's Delta export is currently 5 units which is approximately 4,200 cfs. Federal share of

San Luis Reservoir is 423 TAF. Delta Cross Channel Gates are closed and remain closed unless they need to be opened for water quality issues.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 1,750 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are at 6,680 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 787 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - No measurable rain forecasted for this week and rain will diminish more next week.

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: Proposed Action (PA) on winter-run Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE) process
- DWR:
 - Update: Initial State Water Project (SWP) Allocations
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- PA on winter-run JPE process
 - NMFS: NMFS is seeking clarification for winter-run JPE process as it transitions to the new CDFW Incidental Take Permit (ITP) that was issued and implemented on November 2024.
 - CDFW: CDFW recommends using the revised winter-run JPE subteam pursuant to the ITP, which is the same name as the Interagency Ecological Program winter-run Project Work Team, winter-run JPE subteam, but to include relevant agencies to initiate the process of the JPE.

- DWR: Agrees and supports the idea of having the relevant agency representatives from the ITP initiating the JPE process in the subteam.
- NMFS: Supports this recommendation from CDFW as well. NMFS clarifies that while they utilize the JPE, there is no specific written expectation in the 2019 Proposed Action (PA) or the Biological Opinion on which entity is responsible for developing the JPE.
- CDFW: CDFW recommends reconvening next week to discuss the JPE process and PA.
- In the absence of the new ROD pursuant to the current long-term operations consultation, the agencies were comfortable with agency representatives of the subteam initiating the process.
- DWR: For awareness, DWR stated that the Initial SWP allocation (5%) was announced on December 2nd for the 2025 water year.
- Action Items
 - No action items.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 1-1:50 p.m.