

# Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – December 11, 2024

## Members Attending

- Reclamation: ~~Levi Johnson~~, Elizabeth Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke, ~~Brooke Jacobs~~
- NMFS: Garwin Yip, ~~Howard Brown~~
- DWR: ~~Tracy Hinojosa~~, Brian Schreier (acting for Chris Wilkinson), Bryant Giorgi
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland, ~~Dianne Riddle~~

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: approved with condition of removing agency logo.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/17
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/17
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 12/19
  - 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 12/10/24 – 12/16/24
  - 20241210 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 470 TAF. Delta Cross Channel Gates are closed and remain closed unless there are 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 852 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
  - Rain tonight and tomorrow and over the next 5 days.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates, or Discussion Items

- Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT): The 2024 SWP ITP Condition of Approval COA 8.4.5 requires WOMT, with input from SaMT, to select three in-river releases of late fall-run Chinook salmon from Coleman National Fish Hatchery from November through February to use as yearling CHNSR surrogates. SaMT sent their proposal to WOMT. It was proposed that the second spring-run surrogate release group of late-fall-run Chinook salmon from Coleman National Fish Hatchery be released with the upcoming storm anticipated December 13-14. The agencies in WOMT discussed this proposal and were supportive of it or abstained from commenting on the proposal.
- 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:
  - NMFS issued 2024 LTO Biological Opinion on December 6, 2024.
  - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
- DWR:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

## Discussion Items

- Action Items
  - No action items.

- Elevation Items
  - No elevation items.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 1-1:50 p.m.