

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – May 7th, 2025

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Present
- USFWS: Present
- CDFW: Present
- NMFS: Present
- DWR: Present
- SWRCB: Present

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 05/13
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): met on 01/28
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 05/15
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 05/15
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 05/21
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 06/18
 - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 05/22
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meets weekly) – 05/12
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): met on 12/20
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20250506 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
 - Spring-run Weekly Assessment 05062025
 - LTO Briefing Paper on 3.7.4.5.6 Steelhead Weekly Distributed Loss Threshold
- Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 2,150 cfs, long ramp down through end of June. Whiskeytown Lake is refilling - Whiskeytown Dam releases at 200 cfs (cut down from 225 cfs on 5/6) spring pulse expected mid-month. Keswick Dam releases at 8,000 cfs, spring pulse – 5/9 at 14,000 cfs. Nimbus Dam releases at 3,500 cfs (refill storage management). Goodwin Dam releases at 400 cfs with a Stepped Release Plan spring pulse increasing through 5/10 (peak, pulse extends through end of May). Jones Pumping Plant is exporting 900 cfs (within Controlling requirement D1641) increasing exports when conditions are amenable. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 800 TAF. Delta Cross Channel remains closed throughout late May unless water quality issues.
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 1,900 cfs (going down to 1,700 cfs on 5/8). Clifton Court is exporting 600 cfs. Banks Pumping Plant is offline until 5/9 for maintenance. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 825 TAF.
- Hydrology Update
 - Dry weather ahead and no rain in the forecast.

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, updates, or discussion items.
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- WOMT
 - WOMT to discuss SaMT's recommendation to change the word "salvage" to "loss" and how to document the change in PA section 3.7.4.5.6 Steelhead Weekly Distributed Loss Threshold.

Discussion Items

- SaMT's request to WOMT to change the word "salvage" to "loss" in PA section 3.7.4.5.6, and how to document the change.
 - Reclamation: Approve
 - USFWS: Approve
 - CDFW: Supports SaMT recommendation
 - NMFS: Approves
 - DWR: Supports SaMT recommendation
 - SWRCB: Abstain

Action Items

- Reclamation to update WOMT on how the PA change will be documented.

Elevation Items

- No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.