

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2026 – October 22, 2025

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approve
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 10/28
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 11/06
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 11/20
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 10/15
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): ~12/18
 - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 10/23
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD): --
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): --
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20251021_fish_and_water_operations
 - 20251021 Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Weekly Assessment

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 300 cfs (seasonal base flow), Whiskeytown Dam releases at 225 cfs (seasonal base flow), Keswick Dam releases at 7,200 cfs (holding/evaluating rice decomposition and redd dewatering), Nimbus Dam releases at 1,000 cfs. Goodwin Dam releases at 750 cfs (Fall Pulse flow begin 10/15), Jones Pumping Plant at 1,800 cfs (D-1641 controlling, CVP maintenance activities between 10/15-10/25 may expect changes in cfs), Federal share of San Luis is 255 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is open (monitoring D1641).
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 2,450 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay is exporting 4,000 cfs (dropping on 10/26 and closing gates for herbicide application through 10/29). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 832 TAF.
- Hydrology Update
 - Upcoming, possible storm for northern half of the state through the weekend. Cloudy and cooler temperatures.

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:
 - N/A
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- WOMT
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- Knights Landing Catch Index (*Discussion Item was provided via email by Reclamation post WOMT-meeting and the referenced proposed action assessment was not provided to WOMT*)

- There was a Knights Landing Catch Index exceedance on 10/20/25. Reclamation developed and distributed on 10/21/25 to the appropriate technical teams a Proposed Action Assessment in response to the exceedance. Because of water quality standard exceedances per D-1641 at Contra Costa Canal at Pumping Plan #1, the Delta Cross Channel Gates will remain open.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.