

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2026 – December 03, 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): 12/09
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 12/04
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 12/18
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 12/17
 - 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):
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD): 12/01
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): --
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20251201 Fish and Water Operations
 - 20251202 Proposed Action Assessment

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 300 cfs (seasonal base flow), Whiskeytown Dam releases at 250 cfs (seasonal base flow), Keswick Dam releases at 4,000 cfs (seasonal base flow), Nimbus Dam releases at 1,000 cfs (minimum requirement release), Goodwin Dam releases at 200 cfs (seasonal base flow), Jones Pumping Plant at 1,900 cfs (decrease to 900 cfs on 12/4), Federal share of San Luis is 386 TAF, Delta Cross Channel is closed (closed on 10/30).
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 2,250 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay is exporting 4,000 cfs (decreasing to 3,000 cfs on 12/4). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 907 TAF.
 - Hydrology Update: Cool and dry conditions.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
 - Update: LTO CVP
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
 - Update: Delta Smelt Supplementation Release
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions or updates items.
 - Discussion: COA Debt
- 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

- Update: LTO CVP Update

Reclamation has released the Action 5 NEPA document and has received comments from SWRCB, DWR, and CDFW. NEPA action would be concluded once a Record of Decision (ROD) has been signed. But Reclamation is preparing for that to eventually happen. Reclamation expects a ROD signing soon but no exact date.

- Update: Delta Smelt Supplementation Release

USFWS updates to WOMT that there was a Delta smelt release in Suisun Marsh this week.

- Discussion: COA Debt

NMFS inquired about any existing COA debt among the agencies. DWR stated that the CVP currently owes the SWP about 16 TAF, but the COA balance is decreasing given planned export cuts over the next few days.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.