

Water Operations Management Team Agenda

Water Year 2026 – December 17, 2025

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week and week before:
 - Reclamation - Approve
 - USFWS - Approve
 - CDFW - Approve
 - NMFS – N/A
 - DWR - Approve
 - SWRCB - Approve
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/23 – Still scheduled
 - Fish and Water Operations Group (FAWOG, meets weekly on Wednesdays): 12/24- Currently scheduled to meet
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): -12/23 (one time only this Thursday). Will return to Tuesday schedule next week
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 12/18
 - 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): No more meetings this quarter. Last meeting on 12/11.
- Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 12/25 - This is cancelled
- Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD): Rescheduled for this week. Meeting again in January.
- Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): met 12/9. Met on the 12/16 as well. Unsure if another meeting in December.

- Relevant Assessments
 - 20251216 Fish and Water Operations Outlook (DAT)
 - 20251215 Proposed Action Assessment (FAWOG)
 - 12162025 Spring-run Chinook Salmon Assessment – Forthcoming. Draft is available will cover on Thursday SaMT meeting this week.
 - 20251215 Proposed Action Assessment Smelt (FAWOG)

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: – High level updates. Trinity 3000 cfs release. DWR sees some systems moving in. Flagged that for possible changes next week. Clear Creek at 200 to 250 cfs but will likely increase with these storm systems. 400 cfs out of Keswick. That will hold for inflow events this week. American river we are planning on going up to 5000 cfs ultimately on Saturday, up from 1000. Stanislaus at 200, possible variations or increases at Stan. But to manage side flows, could vary. Down in Delta, again with hydrology, there is a schedule change in Federal exports at Jones moving from 900 cfs to 2800 this weekend as well, due to anticipated weather. San Luis is holding steady around 388 TAF.
 - SWP: FR releases at 1750 cfs with no plans to move, unless there are need for sideflows. CCF, exports are at 1600 cfs today but will be getting heavier over the weekend. Could go up into 7000 cfs early next week, depending on conditions. San Luis share is at 889 TAF.
 - Hydrology Update: Small system just passed through far north of state. A little clearing today then picking up by Friday with lots of precip from then until end of year. Southern part of state is staying dry for now but around 12/26 or so they will get precip as well. This should create increases on Delta inflows. 7000

currently at Freeport. With added Folsom flows, could be up to 30,000 at Freeport. Small increases possible on Stan.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

Discussion Items

- Reclamation – Discussion on transition to Action 5 and what that looks like for womt
- USFWS -None
- CDFW – None
- NMFS – N/A
- DWR – None
- SWRCB – None

Second Surrogate Release

- Reclamation – Abstain, didn't hear about that in time to have an opinion.
- USFWS – Service is fine with it as long as Coleman was being asked for it.
- CDFW – Approve
- NMFS – N/A
- DWR – Approve
- SWRCB – No concerns but we normally abstain from weighing in.
- Second item – Transition to Action 5
 - BOR - We have FAWOG scheduled for 2 PM today. We have been transitioning to Action 5. The new WOMT – moving forward BOR plans to no longer attend the 1 PM WOMT meetings. Similar to the agenda assessments. Those would be transitioned to the FAWOG. How do people feel about that? WOMT is facilitated and those notes are compiled online. Those assessments will be also released. WOMT should also release their notes. BOR is working on making sure those assessments are correct.
 - USFWS – WOMT notes will no longer be posted by BOR?
 - BOR- correct.
 - DWR – We are going to be continuing WOMT, organized by DWR because we are required by the ITP. That is why we continued the meetings. We still plan to have WOMT, with a very similar agenda to FAWOG.
- Third item – Upcoming meetings, the Holidays, and the weather

- BOR – With these inflows there is forecast flows and conditions that may trigger a first flush event as early as next week. We flagged that as those weekly assessments come through. Want to make sure you and your teams are prepared for that. This will play in to what we discuss at FAWOG. Because of all this action we may need to use that time at FAWOG. We suggest keeping these meetings, despite it being the holidays, due to all the weather coming in.

Action Items

None

Elevation Items

None

Next Meeting

Regarding our next scheduled meeting on 12/24 - DWR – In the past, we have waited to make a decision until early in the week of a meeting during the holidays and then assess the conditions as they are unfolding. By email, we decide whether we should meet. That should be the proposal here. Attendees were agreeable to this proposal.