

# Water Operations Management Team Agenda

Water Year 2026 – January 7, 2026

## Members Attending

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

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week:
  - Reclamation - Yes
  - USFWS - Yes
  - CDFW - Yes
  - NMFS – N/A
  - DWR - Yes
  - SWRCB – Yes
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 1/13 – Still scheduled
  - Fish and Water Operations Group (FAWOG, meets weekly on Wednesdays): 1/7- Currently scheduled to meet
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): -1/13
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): No meeting scheduled
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 1/8
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 1/15
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 1/21
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): No more meetings this quarter. Last meeting on 12/11. Unsure of next meeting.
  - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): - 2/26
  - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD): 1/26
  - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): met 12/9. Met on the 16<sup>th</sup> as well. Met (will meet?) sometime this week. Just met on 1/7/2026
- Relevant Assessments
  - Spring-run Chinook Salmon Assessment 01062026
  - 20260196 Fish and Water Operations Outlook (SaMT)
  - Combined assessment 260106\_v2
  - LTO Briefing Paper on COA 8.4.5 Third Chinook Surrogate Release

- Operational Updates
  - CVP: – Starting up north, Keswick is releasing 15,000 cfs, Nimbus is releasing 11,000 cfs and going down to 9,500 on 1/9. Goodwin is at 200 cfs, Jones Pumping Plant is at 4,200 cfs.
  - SWP: FR releases are decreasing from 10,000 cfs to 6,000 cfs, with further decreases likely. Clifton Court intake is at 3,400 cfs and will likely be decreasing over the next couple of days to continue meeting the OMRI target of -5000. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 969 TAF.
  - Hydrology Update: Higher runoff from recent storm events, but no precipitation is forecast for this week or next week. We will be in a dry streak for a while.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

### Discussion Items

- Reclamation – Storm Flex
- USFWS – No upcoming actions or discussion items.
- CDFW – Two items. Third SR hatchery surrogate proposal. Also, some of the text in ITP COA 8.7 on proportional share.
- NMFS – N/A
- DWR – Storm Flex.
- SWRCB – No upcoming actions or discussion items.

- **Item 1 – Storm Flex**

Reclamation is looking at assessments and evaluations right now. They will know more by the end of the day.

DWR is looking into operating under Storm Flex if conditions allow. They will work to have a coordinated approach with Reclamation if and when this happens.

USFWS wanted to know how long Storm Flex might last, if triggered.

DWR is not sure how long it will take; it depends on QWEST and flows, and any of those could be cause for an offramp. It would be at least for a week unless there is a COA trigger that would offramp.

DWR – Last year, one of the COAs was triggered so we offramped.

CDFW – If we check all those 8 boxes then it is on WOMT to request that DWR use real-time estimates of species to assess potential entrainment differences.

CDFW – To refresh WOMT's memory, on 2/3/2025 WOMT approved Storm Flex to begin on February 4. Exports were ramped up directly after WOMT for 6 days and then the OMR target went back to -5000 on February 10 because turbidity was exceeded at OSJ.

CDFW explained that not all 8 boxes for Storm Flex have been checked yet. If and when that happens, CDFW recommends a quickly held ad hoc meeting for WOMT.

WOMT agreed to call a meeting if Storm Flex conditions are met.

- **Item 2 - Third Spring Surrogate Release by CNFH**

Surrogate release group requiring approval by WOMT:

3<sup>rd</sup> Surrogate Release: Release of ~75k by January 16, but ideally as soon as possible due to the precipitation event and since it has been at least a week after the previous surrogate release.

- Reclamation – Yes
- USFWS - Yes
- CDFW - Yes
- NMFS – N/A
- DWR - Yes
- SWRCB – Abstain

**Item 3 - Proportional Share COA 8.7**

CDFW – If we end up being in proportional share condition, the Federal government is prohibited from using State facilities in violation of the law. If this prohibition does not meet the operations conditions of the relevant COA, then DWR provides CDFW the written estimate of the exports for both SWP and CVP facilities that would be required.

## Action Items

- No Action Items.

## Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 1 – 2 PM