

Water Operations Management Team Agenda

Water Year 2026 – January 14, 2026

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Notes from regular meeting last week (1/7):
 - Reclamation –
 - USFWS –
 - CDFW – Suggest more time for review.
 - NMFS –
 - DWR –
 - SWRCB –
- Approval of Notes from ad-hoc meeting last week (1/9):
 - Reclamation –
 - USFWS –
 - CDFW –
 - NMFS –
 - DWR – Suggest more time for review
 - SWRCB –
- It was decided that more time would be given for the review of both sets of notes. Their approval and finalization will be solicited again at the next WOMT meeting.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 1/20
 - Fish and Water Operations Group (FAWOG, meets weekly on Wednesdays): 1/14
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 1/20
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): No meeting scheduled
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 1/22
 - 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): No more meetings for time being,
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Water Ops Outlook (1/13/2026 – 1/19/2026)
 - Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Weekly Assessment (1/13/2026)
 - Reclamation's Combined Salmonid/Smelt Assessment (1/13/2026)
 - Reclamations Storm Flex Assessment (1/6/2026 – 1/13/2026)
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Shasta is continuing to release at 15,000 cfs, Lake Natoma is currently at 5500 cfs and decreasing. It should be at 3900 cfs by 1/18. San Luis Federal share is at 525 TAF.
 - SWP: Feather River releases are at 5100 cfs. This will continue for the next couple of days. This should likely decrease around 1/17. The Clifton Court intake is at 2000 cfs. And the State share of San Luis is at 976 TAF.
 - Hydrology Update: We are still seeing the tail end of the most recent rain events, adding additional runoff into the system. This is beginning to taper off. We are no longer overtopping Fremont Weir into Yolo Bypass. It is assumed that the adult fish passage structure at Fremont Weir is open. No upcoming precipitation in the forecast for the system.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

Discussion Items

- Reclamation
- USFWS – One item about Storm Flex Assessment.
- CDFW – Three items – reporting for COA 8.7. Timing for Implementation for 8.4.5. Question about Combined Assessment sent out earlier today.
- NMFS
- DWR
- SWRCB
- Item 1 – Reporting for COA 8.7.

CDFW received an email from DWR with reporting on DWR's proportional share for First Flush operation over the holidays. They have not received that same accounting for the current implementation for 8.4.5. When a COA forces a change of operations, DWR is required to submit to CDFW a report on how DWR will meet their proportional share, in this case OMRI of -3500. Their expectation is that this forecasting would be sent when

the operational change begins. They also want to follow along with those operations as close to real time as possible. DWR will forecast these numbers with the caveat that they could change.

- Item 2 – Timing for Implementation of 8.4.5

CDFW pointed out that the salvage event that triggered that action happened on 1/9, and DWR had 3 days to modify exports for OMRI. The new OMRI of -3500 should have started on Monday instead of Tuesday. In the past it always happened within 3 days of the actual event. DWR admitted to some confusion on the date of the trigger and offered to either a) continue on with the action beginning on 1/13; or b) change exports so that the OMRI from 1/12 to 1/18 will average -3500. CDFW will confer offline and deliver their answer to this offer later. There is a document that lays out the whole process of notification that CDFW intends to update in coordination with DWR.

- Item 3 – Question about Combined Assessment

CDFW wanted to know why it's called the "Combined Assessment" and wondered if it might be a multi-agency document. It's "combined" since it's concerned with both salmonids and smelt. Reclamation authored this Assessment on their own.

- Item 4 – Storm Flex Assessment

USFWS asked why WOMT had received an older Storm Flex Assessment (1/6 – 1/13) for this meeting. The reason was that it was sent late in the week last week, after our regularly scheduled WOMT meeting (but before our ad-hoc meeting). It was also mentioned that Reclamation did not actually execute a Storm Flex change in operations. However, Reclamation was already at maximum capacity so would have had to rely on SWP to increase exports. On Tuesday, CVP was at its max of 4200 cfs.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 1 – 2 PM