

Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – January 07, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – ~~Randi Field~~, Levi Johnson
- DWR – Tracy Hinojosa, Bryant Giorgi
- USFWS – Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- NMFS – ~~Stephan Murano~~, Darren Howe
- CDFW – ~~Kristal Davis-Fadtke~~,
- SWRCB – Matthew Holland, ~~Diane Riddle~~
- NGO – ~~Ashley Overhouse~~,
- PWA – Deanna Sereno, Scott Petersen

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: N/A
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 01/13
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays):
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays):
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed):
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday):
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday):
 - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed):
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD):
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): --
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20260106 Combined Assessment
 - 20260106 Fish and Water Operations

- 1.06.26 DAT Notes
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 800 cfs with an increase to 3,000 cfs on 01/12. Whiskeytown releases at 300 cfs (chance of ~50 cfs over Whiskeytown spillway). Keswick Dam releases at 10,000 cfs (planned increase to 15,000 cfs). Nimbus Dam releases at 11,000 cfs with a decrease to 9,500 cfs on 01/09. New Melones Dam releases at 200 cfs (possible fluctuations from side flow into Tulloch Reservoir). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 4,200 cfs. Federal share of San Luis is 474 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is closed (closed on 10/30).
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 10,000 cfs with a decrease to 6,000 cfs on 01/07 (additional decreases anticipated this week). Clifton Court Forebay is exporting 3,400 cfs (operating -5,000 OMRI). State share of San Luis is 969 TAF.
 - Hydrology Update: System still experiencing significant runoff from most recent storm events. Expecting two weeks of dry weather ahead.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions.
 - Update/Discussion: StormFlex Operations
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
 - Update/Discussion:
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - Update/Discussion:
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions or updates items.
 - Update/Discussion:
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - Update/Discussion:
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

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- NGO
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - Update/Discussion:
- PWA
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - Update/Discussion:
- FAWOG
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - Update/Discussion

Discussion Items

- Update:
 - StormFlex

Reclamation is assessing conditions to see if a StormFlex operation is possible. This operation would shift OMRI to no more negative than -6,250 cfs from the current -5,000 cfs level. Reclamation is waiting on additional turbidity data to complete a StormFlex Assessment, ideally by this afternoon. The StormFlex Assessment and determination if it supports a StormFlex operation will be provided to the FAWOG via email.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.