

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – February 26, 2025

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Present
- USFWS: Present
- CDFW: Present
- NMFS: Acting (Represented but no Charter Member present)
- DWR: Present
- SWRCB: Present

Topics/Actions

- Approval of 2/19/2025 Meeting Notes: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 03/04
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays, met on): 01/28
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 03/06
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 03/20
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 03/19
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 03/20
 - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursday, but may change): 02/27
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency and timing TBD)
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): met on 12/20
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20250225 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
 - DWR Spring-run Weekly Assessment 2025-02-25 outline (still under development)
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River release is 3,500 cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown Dam) release is 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 8,500 cfs, reducing to 6,000 cfs by March 1st. American River (Nimbus) release is 7,200 cfs, reducing to 4,900 cfs by March 3rd. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 200 cfs. Jones PP Delta exports are at

4,200 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 705 TAF. Delta Cross Channel Gates are closed and will remain closed until May, unless there is a water quality issue.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 11,000 cfs and slightly decreasing before the weekend. Clifton Court Forebay exports are at 1,900 to 2,000 cfs depending on Vernalis flow which has been dropping. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 957 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - A weak storm is forecast to pass through the Central Valley this weekend, but drier conditions are expected this week until that.

Upcoming Actions, Updates, or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Would like to discuss SMT note that "triggering" of (State) ITP COA 8.4.1 (Federal Proposed Action (PA) 3.7.4.5) could occur shortly (if the average Secchi disk depth is less than one meter., then Reclamation and DWR would operate to an OMRI no more negative than - 3,500 cfs).
- USFWS: Nothing
- CDFW: Nothing
- NMFS: Nothing
- DWR: Nothing
- SWRCB: None

Discussion Items

- In general, the discussion relates to the seasonal "transition" from Adult Delta Smelt Protection to Larval and Juvenile Delta Smelt Protection.
- ITP COA 8.3.2 (PA action 3.7.4.4) ended for WY 2025 when the 3-day continuous average water temperature at Rio Vista exceeded 12 degrees Celsius on 2/24/25.
- The most recent SLS calculations (on Monday 2/24) determined that the average Secchi disk depth was 92 centimeters, less than 1.0 meter.
- ITP COA 8.4.1 (PA action 3.7.4.5) is currently "off-ramped" since daily average flows at Rio Vista were above 55,000 cfs, but the flows are dropping and expected to be below 40,000 cfs early next week, which would reinstate the Larval and Juvenile Delta smelt and Longfin smelt Protection Actions.
- An "off-cycle" Secchi disk depth survey is scheduled for Friday 2/28 to determine if the Secchi depth in the South Delta is still less than 1.0 meter.
- If ITP COA 8.4.1 (PA action 3.7.4.5) is triggered, WOMT will be notified via email.

Action Items

- No action items

Elevation Items

- No items requested for elevation

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.