

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – April 23, 2025

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/22
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays, met on): 01/28
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 05/01
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): Ad hoc meeting 5/1
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 05/21
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 6/18
 - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 4/24
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meets weekly): 4/28
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): met on 12/20
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20250422 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
 - Spring-run Weekly Assessment 04222025
 - 20250421 STH Proposed Action Assessment
 - LTO Briefing Paper on 3.7.4.5.6 Steelhead Weekly Distributed Loss Threshold

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston releases at 3,800 cfs, heading towards a long ramp down through the end of June. Whiskeytown releases at 225 cfs, cut down from 250 cfs on 4/22. Keswick release is 6,000 cfs, next pulse Tuesday 4/29 to ramp back up to 10,000 cfs. Nimbus release is at 5,350 cfs with cuts on 4/28, ongoing discussion for a spring pulse. Stanislaus is at 1,000 cfs with a Stepped Release Plan spring pulse. Jones Pumping Plant is exporting 900 cfs, proportional share of Vernalis 1:1 – 3 day average – planning an increase to 1,800 cfs on 4/25 if conditions are amenable. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir 842 TAF. Delta Cross Channel Gates remain closed through late May unless water quality issue.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are decreasing today (4/23) down from 4,000 cfs to 3,000 cfs, with additional decreases coming over the next few days. Clifton Court is exporting 600 cfs and holding. State share of San Luis Reservoir 921 TAF.
- Hydrology Update
 - No rain, slight cooling temperatures over the next couple of days.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Update: Stanislaus River Forum Comments
 - Discussion: American River Spring Pulse
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- WOMT
 - Discussion: SaMT Request for 5th and 6th Surrogate Releases

Discussion Items

- Update: Stanislaus River Forum
 - A move to meet quarterly with more details to come out in SRF in May.
- Discussion: American River Spring Pulse Flow
 - Ad Hoc ARG meeting on May 1st to discuss shaping the Spring Pulse Flow.
- SaMT Request to WOMT for 5th and 6th Spring-run Surrogate Releases
 - Reclamation: Abstain
 - USFWS: Approve
 - CDFW: Approve
 - NMFS: Approve
 - DWR: Approve
 - SWRCB: Abstain

Action Items

- WOMT facilitator to remove two members from email list (completed 4/23/2025)

Elevation Items

- No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.