

Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – May 6th, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – ~~Tracy Hinojosa~~, Bryant Giorgi
- USFWS – Matt Nobriga, ~~Leif Goude~~
- NMFS – Darren Howe
- ~~CDFW – Kristal Davis-Fadtke~~
- SWRCB – Matthew Holland, Diane Riddle
- NGO – Ashley Overhouse, Devon Pearse
- NOD PWA – Thaddeus Bettner, ~~Jeff Sutton~~
- SOD PWA - Scott Petersen, ~~Deanna Sereno~~
- State PWA - Chandra Chilmakuri

Topics/Actions

Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approved

Upcoming Meetings

Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 05/12/2026

Drought Response Year (DRY) Team:

American River Group (ARG meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed):

Clear Creek Technical Team (CCT meets quarterly on third Thursday):

Sacramento River Group (SRG) (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 05/06/2026

Stanislaus Watershed Team (SWT meets monthly on third Wednesday): met on 05/20/2026

Annual Report Team

Shasta Operations Team (SHOT): met on 04/13/2026

Relevant Assessments

- 20260504 Combined Salmon and Smelt Assessment

- 20260505 Fish and Water Operations Outlook

Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 1,400 cfs (Trinity ROD flows). Whiskeytown Dam releases at 200 cfs. Keswick Dam releases at 7,000 cfs (increase on 5/7 to 7,500 cfs and increase on 5/9 to 8,000 cfs). Nimbus Dam releases at 3,000 cfs (increase on 5/8 to 4,000 cfs for storage management). Goodwin Dam releases at 350 cfs (Stepped Release Plan Spring Pulse through early May, ramp down through 5/13). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 900 cfs (D1641, 4/13 to 5/13). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 778 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is closed (closed on 10/30/25; potential to open near Memorial Day).
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 1,050 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 600 cfs (D1641; maintenance activities between May 4th through May 8th with Banks offline over the period). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 934 TAF.
- Hydrology: Dry weather and no rain in the forecast.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions and updates.
 - Update: SRG
 - Update: NAS review
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - ~~No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.~~
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NGO:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NOD PWA:

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- SOD PWA:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- State PWA:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- Update: SRG

Reclamation distributed the draft TMP on 4/29 and discussed in the 4/30 SRG meeting. Comments and feedback are due on May 13th with the planned final TMP to come out near the end of May. An adhoc SRG meeting has yet to be determined, NMFS supports an adhoc meeting.

- NAS Review

Reclamation is seeking a call for experts through the National Academies of Sciences (NAS), Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a biennial review of the monitoring, modeling, and other relevant scientific activities and initiatives that support the long-term operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP). NAS is looking for nominations for experts across different areas and backgrounds to provide their review and input. Link was provided in meeting chat and below.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8825848/Review-of-the-Long-Term-Operations-of-the-Central-Valley-Project-and-the-State-Water-Project-Cycle-2-Call-for-Experts>

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.