

# Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – Tracy Hinojosa, Bryant Giorgi
- USFWS – Matt Nobriga, ~~Jana Affonso~~ (Acting: Erin Cole)
- 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): 05/26/2026

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): 05/28/2026

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

- 20260518 Combined Salmon and Smelt Assessment

- 20260519 Fish and Water Operations Outlook

### Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 950 cfs (Trinity ROD flows through early July). Whiskeytown Dam releases at 550 cfs (pulse flow continuing between 5/18 through 5/28). Keswick Dam releases at 10,000 cfs (increase on 5/23 to 10,500 cfs). Nimbus Dam releases at 2,000 cfs (decrease on 5/23 to 1,500 cfs). Goodwin Dam releases at 1,800 cfs (decrease on 5/23 to 1,600 cfs; D1641 Vernalis Flow Requirement). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 4,200 cfs (decrease on 5/23 to 3,700 cfs; OMRI -5,000; D1641). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 764 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is closed (opening on 5/22 and closing on 5/26).
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 1,050 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 600 cfs (ITP COA Condition 8.12.1). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 837 TAF.
- Hydrology: Dry weather is continuing.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
  - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
  - Update: Temperature Management Plans
- 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:~~
  - ~~No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.~~

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

## Discussion Items

- Update: Temperature Management Plans

Reclamation is tracking plans, operation outlooks and profiles, and feedback from the American and Sacramento River draft Temperature Management Plans (TMPs). Reclamation thanks those parties for contributing to the feedback. Reclamation is attempting to incorporate and respond to the feedback provided. The Sacramento River draft TMP is still out, the first comment period closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> but there is still some time for comments. Reclamation is targeting a dispersal of the report on the 27<sup>th</sup> with a follow up discussion at the SRG meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The American River draft TMP is receiving comments until June 1<sup>st</sup> with an expected final draft by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

SWRCB asks if Reclamation can distribute the operation forecast and what temperature profile from Shasta was utilized?

Reclamation can distribute the operation forecast either today or tomorrow, disturbed through the SRG. The most recent temperature profile from Shasta to be included in the forecast was taken yesterday, 5/19. This is the most recent profile to be included in the related forecast.

## Action Items

- No Action Items.

## Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.