

# Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – May 21<sup>th</sup>, 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): 05/27
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): met on 01/28
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 06/05
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 06/17
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 05/21
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 06/18
  - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 05/22
  - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meets weekly): 05/27
  - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): met on 12/20
- Relevant Assessments
  - 20250520 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
  - 05202025 Spring-run Weekly Assessment
  - 20250519 STH WR PA Assessment
  - 20250512 LJDSM PA Assessment

- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 1,450 cfs, long ramp down through end of June. Whiskeytown Dam releases at 300 cfs (spring pulse started on 5/15 with peak flows to 800 cfs and ramp down through the end of May to 175 cfs). Keswick Dam releases at 14,000 cfs (3<sup>rd</sup> pulse of 3 to 14,000 cfs ramp down beginning 5/24 through 5/26 expected 10,000 cfs to support Delta. Nimbus Dam releases at 3,500 cfs (refill storage management) Goodwin Dam releases at 1,450 cfs with a Stepped Release Plan spring pulse (pulse extends through end of May, 5/19 – truncated pulse and holding higher flow to meet D-1641 requirement, 5/21 – 1,450 cfs and making further increases as needed. Jones Pumping Plant is exporting 3,500 cfs (controlling requirement D-1641 Vernalis 1:1 ended 5/19, began OMRI -5,000 cfs control proportional share on 5/20) adjusting to 3,200 cfs exports on 5/22. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 691 TAF. Delta Cross Channel remains closed throughout late May unless water quality issues, planning to open on Memorial Day weekend (5/24).
  - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 1,700 cfs (possible increase over the weekend). Clifton Court is exporting 600 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 736 TAF.
- Hydrology Update
  - Warm temperatures expected to cool over the next couple days and no rain in the forecast.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
  - CVP Operation Intent and Confirm Controlling factors.
- 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

- No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

## Discussion Items

- Reclamation: CVP Operation Intent and Confirming Controlling Factors
  - Reclamation: Provided information in Reclamation's operation intent for the implementation of Voluntary Agreements and Delta Outflow. Reclamation will not be implementing further spring outflow export cuts or Fall X2. Reclamation asked for confirmation that there are no additional fish actions to further constrain the OMR to something more positive than -5,000 cfs for this week.
  - USFWS and NMFS: Not aware of any constraints beyond -5,000 cfs.

## Action Items

- No action items.

## Elevation Items

- No elevation items.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.