

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2026 – October 1, 2025

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: N/A
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 10/07
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 10/02
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 10/16
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 10/15
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): ~12/18
 - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 10/23
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD): --
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): --
- Relevant Assessments
 - Green Sturgeon Assessment

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 450 cfs (base flow), Whiskeytown Dam releases at 225 cfs (seasonal base flow), Keswick Dam releases at 7,200 cfs, Nimbus Dam releases at 1,200 cfs (1,000 cfs on 10/2). Goodwin Dam releases at 400 cfs (700 cfs on 10/1), Jones Pumping Plant at 4,280 cfs (D-1641 controlling), Federal share of San Luis is 253 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is open (evaluating modeling for closure next week).
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 8,000 cfs today. Clifton Court Forebay is exporting 6,680 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 824 TAF.
- Hydrology Update
 - Small sprinkles of rain around the northern half of the state but clear up. Temperatures are staying relatively cool.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Discussion: Green Sturgeon Real Time Operations
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - N/A
- 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

- Green Sturgeon Real Time Operations

- Reclamation released a Green Sturgeon Assessment to look at the recent increase of green sturgeon salvage and incidental take limit exceedance. The assessment considers an increase in green sturgeon populations and detections from the relatively wet springs in recent years or hydrodynamic conditions associated with low inflow on the Sacramento and San Joaquin and high levels of pumping in September.
 - The SWRCB asked if Reclamation had any changes that may be implemented.
 - Reclamation indicated that there are not currently any plans.
 - Further discussion needed with NMFS representative when available.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No elevation items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.