

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2026 – October 8, 2025

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approve
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 10/14
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 10/16
 - 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

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 450 cfs (base flow, reductions next week (10/13) to 300 cfs), Whiskeytown Dam releases at 225 cfs (seasonal base flow), Keswick Dam releases at 7,200 cfs, Nimbus Dam releases at 1,000 cfs. Goodwin Dam releases at 900 cfs, Jones Pumping Plant at 2,700 cfs (D-1641 controlling, CVP maintenance activities between 10/6-10/25 may expect changes in cfs), Federal share of San Luis is 252 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is open (On-going modeling evaluations).
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 8,000 cfs (reduction to 2,450 cfs between 10/9 to 10/14). Clifton Court Forebay is exporting 3,000 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 848 TAF.
- Hydrology Update
 - Cool weather, slight chance of rain on weekend but higher chance on Monday and Tuesday.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Joint Point and Diversion Operation Update
 - No upcoming action or update items.
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - N/A
- DWR:
 - October Herbicide Application CCFB
 - No upcoming action or update items.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- WOMT
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- Joint Point of Diversion Operation (JPOD) Update

Reclamation indicates that they are looking to start a Stage 2 JPOD operation with DWR this month. D-1641 provides Joint Point of Diversion operations, enabling one Project to utilize available export capacity at the other Project's facilities. Under this proposed Stage 2 JPOD action, Reclamation would utilize available export capacity at Banks Pumping Plant to move CVP water. Several items need to line up, including approval by the SWRCB and conditions when there is excess capacity at Banks Pumping Plant.

SWRCB is working on the request and seeking clarification on date of when Stage 2 JPOD operation may be possible. SWRCB last heard that the possible window to start Stage 2 JPOD operation was October 16th.

Reclamation indicated that was correct but a better date given current conditions is October 13th. DWR concurred that October 13th is likely.

SWRCB stated that an October 13th date might not align with their timing. SWRCB asked about the fish plan and exceeding take limits and how the green sturgeon take limit exceedance relates to this request. Because JPOD requires compliance with all conditions of Reclamation's and DWR's water rights, the SWRCB may grant limited approval for the maintenance period. There is some question as to whether the take will have further impact on this approval. Reclamation will follow up with the Board.

- October Herbicide Application at Clifton Court Forebay

DWR states that there will be an herbicide application in the Clifton Court Forebay beginning on October 27, 2025.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.