



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 10/14/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- DWR: Mike Ford, Farida Islam, Brian Schreier
- Reclamation: Alexander Vaisvil, Chase Ehlo, Tony Yang
- NMFS: Paula Higginson
- Water Contractors: Cynthia Meyer (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Steve Micko (MWD), Ian Buck-Macleod (FWA), Jose Rangel (WWD), Alan Rosental (WWD)
- NGOs: Ashley Overhouse (Defenders of Wildlife)
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Michael Ding

Review Operations Outlook

- A wet system is moving through Northern California on Monday (10/13) and Tuesday (10/14). The cold front has resulted in the first snowfall of the water year in the Sierras. Dry weather conditions are expected for the remainder of the week after Wednesday (10/15) with breezy winds.
- Clear Creek releases from Whiskeytown are currently 225 cfs.
- Sacramento River releases at Shasta Reservoir are 7,200 cfs and held through October.
- Feather River releases at Oroville Reservoir are 2,450 cfs. This is below the 2,500 cfs 10/15/25 flow requirement. No significant changes are expected at the time.
- American River releases at Folsom Reservoir are 1,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at New Melones Reservoir are 700 cfs.
- Freeport flows weekly range between 12,000-13,900 cfs.
- Vernalis flows weekly range between 1,300-1,900 cfs.
- Delta outflows weekly range between 8,000-15,000 cfs.

- Jones Pumping Plant exports are at 1,800 cfs due to decreased demand along the canal and the O'Neill-Pump Generating plant outage. JPP is unable to move water into San Luis Reservoir due to the outage.
- Clifton Court Forebay exports are at 3,000 cfs.
- Delta Cross Channel gates are open.
- Salinity in Franks Tract has increased significantly with the potential of increasing Rock Slough chloride levels to the maximum allowable levels of 250 mg/L per *Water Rights Decision 1641 (D-1641)*. However, there are signs of improvement with the rain from this week's storm.
- Rio Vista flows will range between 5,600-8,800 cfs.

Additional Questions or Comments

Ashley Overhouse (Defenders of Wildlife) asked if Reclamation operations staff's absence from DMW meetings is related to the government shutdown.

- Reclamation's absence this week is due to a staffing issue, however Reclamation is expected to continue to attend DMW meetings as they are considered essential workers.

Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)

Facilitator's note: Due to the new PA, DMW will only review the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook. A review of the PA Assessment may occur if a real-time trigger occurs.

Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions

Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

Facilitator's note: Due to the new ITP, DMW will only review the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook. A review of the Risk Assessment may occur if a real-time trigger occurs.

Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions

Acronyms

- CVP – Central Valley Project
- DCC – Delta Cross Channel
- DOI – Delta Outflow Index
- DWR – California Department of Water Resources
- DCI – Delta Mendota Canal – California Aqueduct Intertie

- DS – Delta Smelt
- FNU – Formazin Nephelometric Unit
- I/E – Inflow to Export
- IOP – Interim Operations Plan
- ITP – Incidental Take Permit
- ITL – Incidental Take Limit
- JPE – Juvenile Production Estimate
- LFS – Longfin Smelt
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
- OBI – Old River Bacon Island Station
- OMR – Old and Middle River Tidally Averaged Flow
- PA – Proposed Action (Federal)
- PTM – Particle Tracking Model
- SaMT – Salmon Monitoring Team
- SLS – Smelt Larval Survey
- SMT – Smelt Monitoring Team
- SWP – State Water Project
- SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board
- TFCF – Tracy Fish Collection Facility
- TUCP – Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- TUCO – Temporary Urgency Change Order
- USBR – United States Bureau of Reclamation
- WCS – Winter Run Chinook Salmon
- WOMT – Water Operations Management Team
- WQ – Water Quality
- YOY – Young of Year