



# **Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting**

Meeting Record 10/21/2025

## **Working Group Members in Attendance**

- DWR: Mike Ford, Steven Garcia, Elizabeth Vasquez
- Reclamation: Erika Kegel, Thuy Washburn, Tony Yang, Alexander Vaisvil
- NMFS: Paula Higginson
- Water Contractors: Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts), Scott Peterson (SLDMWA), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Cynthia Meyer (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Ian Buck-Macleod (FWA), Jose Rangel (WWD), Alan Rosenthal (WWD), Brad Cavallo (WWD), Jennifer Buckman (ARSC)
- NGOs: Greg Reis (Friends of the River)
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Michael Ding

## **Review Operations Outlook**

- Clear Creek releases from Whiskeytown Dam are 225 cfs.
- Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are 7,200 cfs.
- Feather River releases at Oroville Dam are 2,450 cfs.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are 1,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are 700 cfs with two scheduled fall pulse flows.
- JPP exports are between 1,000 cfs –1,500 cfs.
- CCF exports are at 4,000 cfs and will decrease to 2,000 cfs later this week, then to 500 cfs on 10/26/25, and to 0 cfs on 27th through the 29th for the fall herbicide application.
- JPP exports are expected to increase following completion of maintenance activities next week as CCF exports decrease due to herbicide treatment.
- DCC gates are open.

- San Luis total storage is about 1.0 mil acre feet; federal share is about 253,000 acre feet.
- Salinity standards at Rock Slough are still above the D-1641 standard due to the presence of a salt wedge. DCC gates remain open to improve water quality conditions and restore compliance.

### **Additional Questions or Comments**

- Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts) asked whether pumping at Federal Banks was affected by the O'Neill outage.
  - Reclamation stated that Federal Banks pumped from October 13th-18th. A detailed total of cfs exports is not yet available; a final report will be released once completed.
  - A Delta Ops Daily Report is available on the CVO website which shows the breakdown of exports; the numbers may change slightly in the next couple of weeks but this is the most current available data.

## **Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)**

- Reclamation noted that although the Knights Landing Catch Index threshold of greater than or equal to 3.0 in the Proposed Action has been exceeded (at 4.0), the DCC gates will remain open because the D-1641 water quality criteria have not been met.

### **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