



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 10/28/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Erika Kegel, Thuy Washburn, Tony Yang, Alexander Vaisvil, Farida Islam, Mackenzie Miner, Chase Ehlo
- NMFS: Paula Higginson
- DWR: Mike Ford, Steven Garcia, Elizabeth Vasquez, Brian Schreier
- Water Contractors: Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Jose Rangel (WWD), Alan Rosenthal (WWD), Jennifer Buckman (ARSC), Deanna Sereno (CCWD), Steve Micko (MWD)
- NGOs: Greg Reis (Friends of the River)
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Katy Kennedy

Review Operations Outlook

- Clear Creek releases from Whiskeytown Dam are 225 cfs.
- Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are 7,200 cfs, ranging between 6,000 – 7,200 cfs.
- Feather River releases at Oroville Dam are 2,450 cfs. Herbicide treatment at Clifton Court started on 10/27 and will continue through the 10/29, reducing exports to 0 cfs. Beginning 10/30, SWP exports will ramp up between 1,000 – 2,000 cfs.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are 1,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are 250 cfs, ranging from 250 – 1,500 cfs. The last pulse flow is on the 10/30 to 1,500 cfs.
- JPP exports are 3,500 cfs, ranging between 3,500 and 4,200 cfs.
- DCC gates are open.
- Federal San Luis storage is 254 TAF. Total San Luis storage is 1.08 MAF.
- Conditions are fairly dry and cold with no rain in the near-term forecast.

Additional Questions or Comments

- Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts) asked about the salinity impacts at Rock Slough and how long it will take to increase exports to 4,200 cfs.
 - Reclamation stated that exports are planned to increase starting Saturday, November 1. The freshwater will improve salinity. Exports cannot increase sooner because of outages from DWR construction in DCI at Check 7 (planned to be completed by Friday, 10/31).

Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)

Facilitator's note: Due to the new PA, DMW will only review the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook. Moving forward, Reclamation will potentially produce assessments for relevant salmon and smelt triggers weekly. A review of the PA Assessment may occur if a real-time trigger occurs.

- A weekly assessment for Spring-Run Chinook Salmon was distributed to DMW, but DWR salmon experts were not in attendance at the meeting to provide a verbal update. DWR staff will confirm that someone from DWR will attend future meetings to provide a report on SR.

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