

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2026 – November 05, 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): 11/--
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 11/06
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 11/20
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 11/19
 - 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): 11/--
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD): --
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): --
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20251104_fish_and_water_operations
 - 20251104 Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Weekly Assessment
 - 20251103 Proposed Action Assessment

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 300 cfs (seasonal base flow), Whiskeytown Dam releases at 225 cfs (seasonal base flow), Keswick Dam releases at 5,000 cfs (scheduled decrease of 200 cfs per day until 11/10 ending on 4,000 cfs), Nimbus Dam releases at 1,000 cfs, Goodwin Dam releases at 200 cfs (seasonal base flow), Jones Pumping Plant at 4,200 cfs (D-1641 controlling), Federal share of San Luis is 269 TAF, Delta Cross Channel is closed (closed on 10/30).
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 2,450 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay is exporting 1,000 cfs (assessing inflows). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 802 TAF.
 - Hydrology Update:
 - Precipitation is occurring, mostly throughout the northern half of the state. Another potential system moving in next week.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
 - Discussion: Joint Point of Diversion Operation (JPOD)
- NMFS:
 - N/A
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
 - Discussion: Big Notch
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- WOMT
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- Joint Point of Diversion Operation (JPOD)

CDFW asked for an update on the JPOD stage 2 operations and ongoing repairs at the federal facilities.

Reclamation stated the O'Neill pumping/generating plant outage for transformer rehabilitation has ended (outage was from Oct. 6 to Oct. 25). Reclamation is not currently exporting any water under JPOD Stage 2 at Banks Pumping Plant as there is not capacity at Banks Pumping Plant to move federal water. Further maintenance activities will begin mid-November and extend into late December for Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie (DCI) work. This may provide additional opportunities to move federal water via JPOD Stage 2.

- Big Notch Project

DWR announced that Big Notch Project will begin operating soon. The current storm event is not large enough to reach the top of the weir, but DWR is looking to see how the following storm will fare. This initial precip event will have a max capacity of 1,000 cfs but future events may have a max capacity of 6,000 cfs of diversion down the system. DWR plans to add the rate of diversion to the Fremont Weir flows when calculating Net Delta Outflow Index and other Delta values.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 1-1:50 p.m.