



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 11/25/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Erika Kegel, Thuy Washburn, Grace Easterbrook, Tony Yang, Alexander Vaisvil, Chase Ehlo, Lillian McCormick
- NMFS: Paula Higginson
- DWR: Steven Garcia, Farida Islam, Katherine Osborn, Kevin Reece, Brian Schreier
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland
- USFWS: Leif Goude
- Water Contractors: Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Jose Rangel (WWD), Brad Cavallo (WWD), Steve Micko (MWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Tom Boardman (CVP SOD)
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Michael Ding

Review Operations Outlook

- Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are currently 4,000 cfs.
- Feather River releases are currently at 2,400 cfs
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are 1,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are currently 200 cfs.
- JPP exports are at 1,900 cfs.
- CCF exports are at 6,680 cfs.
- DCC gates are closed
- Rio Vista flows will range between 9,000 cfs -12,500 cfs.
- QWEST daily flow rate is at -5,200 cfs and seven-day average is 86 cfs.
- San Luis storage is 1.224 MAF. SWP's share is 859 TAF and CVP's is 358 TAF.
- Expected Daily OMR Index is -8,800 cfs

Additional Questions or Comments

- CVP SOD Ag Districts asked about the cause of recent reductions in JPP exports and why increased bank capacity isn't resulting in additional shared capacity.
 - Reclamation explained that recent reductions are due to water quality in the Delta.
 - Reclamation mentioned that federal pumping is limited because they still owe volume under the COA, while the state can pump more. Reclamation can increase exports if a precept occurs, but none is currently forecasted.

Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)

- Reclamation provided an update on winter-run Chinook salmon.
- DCC gates are closed due to the high numbers of winter-run moving downstream.
- The volume of fish may lead to the start of salvage activity, which will be monitored and tracked.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No 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