



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 12/02/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Chase Ehlo, Erika Kegel, Lillian McCormick, Thuy Washburn
- DWR: Brian Schreier, Farida Islam, Mike Ford, Katherine Osborn, Kevin Reece, Mackenzie Miner, Steven Garcia
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland
- Water Contractors: Darcy Austin (SWC), Alan Rosenthal (WWD), Jose Rangel (WWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts)
- 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 and will decrease to 2,100 cfs by December 5.
- 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 and will be reduced to 900 cfs on 12/3/25.
- CCF exports are currently at 4,300 cfs and will be reduced to an estimated 3,000 cfs, as Western Delta salinity rises; No storms are shown in near term forecasts.
- DCC gates are closed.
- San Luis storage is 1.276 MAF. CVP's share is 378 TAF.
- Tides are transitioning from Neap to Spring.

Additional Questions or Comments

- WWD asked whether pumping reductions were caused by D-1641 criteria exceedances or upcoming periods of drier conditions

- DWR responded that during this time of year, reservoir releases are typically reduced to conserve stored water because periods of natural rainfall and snow add water to the Delta watershed.
- DWR clarified that water project operations are in full compliance with all D-1641 requirements that are in effect. Exports are being reduced to minimize the possibility of significant water quality degradation and intrusion into the south Delta area.

Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)

- Reclamation mentioned that that salvage is expected in December, as many Winter-Run Chinook salmon were recently observed moving into the Delta.

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