



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 12/09/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Erika Kegel, Alexander Vaisvil, Randi Field, Tony Yang
- DWR: Farida Islam, Mike Ford, Kevin Reece
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland
- NMFS: Paula Higginson
- Water Contractors: Darcy Austin (SWC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Alan Rosenthal (WWD), Jose Rangel (WWD), Alma Antuna (WWD), Bradley Cavallo (WWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Deanna Sereno (CCWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts), Ian Buck-Macleod (Friant WA), Heidi Williams (Valley Water), Jennifer Buckman (AR Settlement Contractors)
- NGOs: Greg Reis (Friends of the River)
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Michael Ding

Announcements

- Kearns & West will be transitioning their facilitation from Weekly DMW to the newly established Delta Action Team as part of Reclamation's Action 5 operations plan.
- The Delta Action Team meeting will be held every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. PT.
- Calendar invites have been sent. If DMW attendees did not receive an invite, please contact the Kearns & West team.

Review Operations Outlook

- The Central Valley is experiencing persistent fog and unseasonably cool temperatures, partly due to a build up of pressure in the Pacific Northwest region.
- Combined water project exports have been reduced over the last week in response to degrading west Delta water quality. Over the last several days, the situation appears to have stabilized.

- Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are currently at 4,000 cfs.
- Feather River releases are currently at 1,950 cfs and are expected to be maintained at this level for the week.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are 1,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are currently at 400 cfs and will be reduced to 200 cfs on December 10.
- Clifton Court exports are at 2,000 cfs
- JPP exports are at 900 cfs.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No questions asked.

Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)

- No salvage as of December 9 but expected to start soon.
- DCC gates are closed unless D1641 criteria warrants opening.

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- No questions asked.

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
- TUO – 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