

# Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – December 17, 2025

## Members Attending

- Reclamation
- USFWS
- NMFS
- DWR
- SWRCB

## Topics/Actions

- Upcoming Meetings
  - Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/23
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/23
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays): --12/23
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): --
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 01/15
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 12/17
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): ~ Q1
  - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed):
  - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency & timing TBD): January
  - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): --
- Relevant Assessments
  - 20251216 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
  - 20251215 Proposed Action Assessment
  - 20251215 Proposed Action Assessment-Smelt
  - 20251216 DAT Notes
- Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 300 cfs (expect operations to fluctuate through next week (synchronization flows)), Keswick Dam releases at 4,000 cfs, Nimbus Dam releases at 1,000 cfs (increase up to 5,000 cfs on 12/20 weekend with peak projected inflows on 12/24 or 12/25), Goodwin Dam releases at 200 cfs (expect to increase due to side flow management), Jones Pumping Plant at 900 cfs (expected increase on 12/20 – 12/22 to 2,800 cfs), Federal share of San Luis is 288 TAF, Delta Cross Channel is closed (closed on 10/30).
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 1,750 cfs (will continue but may slightly increase dependent on weather). Clifton Court Forebay is exporting 1,600 cfs (possible increase up to 7,000 cfs in early next week). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 889 TAF.
- Hydrology Update: Series of storms just passing through the north of the state. Expect another event starting this weekend (12/20) and potentially persisting through the end of the year. Anticipate high inflows into the Delta.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
  - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
- USFWS:
  - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
- CDFW:
  - Absent
- NMFS:
  - No upcoming actions or updates items.
- DWR:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- Interested Parties
  - Update/Discussion:
    - Expressed Appreciation
- FAWOG
  - Update/Discussion:
    - Holiday Schedule

## Discussion Items

- Update: No Updates
- Discussion:
  - Holiday Schedule

Upcoming FAWOG meeting is scheduled for 12/24. FAWOG meeting may be distributed through email due to holiday schedules and is dependent on how conditions are developing through the weekend storm event. Members will review reports and guidance from technical teams on Monday/Tuesday (12/22 and 12/23) to identify a need for FAWOG to meet the following Wednesday (12/24).

- Expressed Appreciation

San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority and Westlands Water District expressed appreciation for the efforts of the agencies for implementation of Action 5 and look forward to collaboration in future FAWOG meetings.

## Action Items

- No Action Items.

## Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 2-2:50 p.m.