

Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – December 31, 2025

Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – ~~Tracy Hinojosa~~, Bryant Giorgi
- USFWS – ~~Jana Affense~~, Matt Nobriga
- NMFS – Stephan Murano, Darren Howe
- CDFW – ~~Kristal Davis-Fadtke~~,
- SWRCB – Matthew Holland, ~~Diane Riddle~~
- NGO – ~~Ashley Overhouse~~, ~~Devon Pearse~~
- PWA – to be identified
- Contra Costa Water - Deanna Sereno
- Friant – Ian Buck-Macleod, Katie Duncan
- State Water Contractors - Chandra Chilmakuri
- Westlands Water District – Jeff Payne
- Valley Water – Vincent Gin
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority – Scott Petersen

Topics/Actions

- Upcoming Meetings
 - Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 01/06
 - 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
 - 20251229 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
 - 20251229 Proposed Action Assessment
 - 20251229 Salmon Assessment
 - 20251230 DAT Notes
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston Dam began a synchronization flow on December 26th, peaking at 6,500 cfs to match side flows occurring with previous storm (continue ramp down from that event). Keswick Dam released up to 10,000 cfs on December 29th; reductions followed on December 30th with a cut to 8,500 cfs and on the 31st, current conditions are 7,500 cfs out of Keswick (anticipating to move to higher releases on January 3rd to 10,000 cfs for flood management). Nimbus Dam ramped down from 7,300 cfs to 4,500 cfs from December 26th through December 30th (expect increases to 5,000 cfs on January 1st and renewing increases on January 3rd to 8,000 cfs and January 4th to 11,000 cfs for flood management). Goodwin Dam releases are at 200 cfs monitoring side flow and encroachment at Tulloch Reservoir; anticipating increased releases next week. Jones Pumping Plant is exporting 3,500 cfs (OMRI at -5,000 cfs controlling) with anticipated changes due to storm activity. Delta Cross Channel Gates are closed. Federal Share of San Luis is at 433 TAF. Preparing for a lot of changes due to systemwide storm activity with highly uncertain forecasts.
 - SWP: Not Available
 - Hydrology Update: Rain all throughout the state, incoming storms are on the warmer side. Forecast has been extremely variable increase inflows throughout the region higher than anticipated. Anticipated that upcoming storm will melt lower snow and runoff into system.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- FAWOG
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- No upcoming actions or discussion items.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January, 7th 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.