



## Water Operation Management Team Notes

October 27, 2020

### Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Mike Ford, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Josh Grover, Erik Ekdahl, Diane Riddle

### Members Not Attending

Howard Brown

### Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 10/21/2020 WOMT Meeting Notes: Approved
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity winter base flow of 300 cfs to continue until the spring pulse next year; Keswick at 5,000 cfs and looking for opportunities to cut, the plan calls for early November cuts to 4,900 cfs and then to 4,800 cfs, to be scheduled sooner if possible; Temperature are good on Trinity, Clear Creek, and Sacramento; Clear Creek at IGO at 220 cfs; American River at 1,500 cfs with a change order to 1,250 cfs at the beginning of November, the power bypass starts today gradually ramping to a total bypass of 500 cfs with the goal of 56°F; Stanislaus releases the last of the three pulses today at 8 am increasing to 1,450 cfs and then tonight after midnight will inch back down over a few days to return to a base flow of 200 cfs by Nov. 4; Exports at 2 units due to an O'Neill outage, and will likely stay at 2 units to meet Rio Vista and Delta outflow requirements, the State has an outage scheduled for next week, and may fill Clifton Court while they can this week; San Luis at 383 TAF; DCC will close this PM and reopen Saturday, starting the first week of Nov., the DCC will close during the weekdays and open on the weekends to help with Rio Vista flows.
  - SWP: Releases to the Feather at 2,450 cfs and the river valve has increased from 1,000 cfs to 1,700 cfs at 9 AM to manage temperatures at the hatchery, assessing conditions and may increase up to 2,000 cfs; Delta CCFB at 1,000 cfs and will be ramping down over time to 700 cfs then 500 cfs, there are still concerns with water quality, outage from November 2nd to end of the week for Banks switchyard, herbicide application, and repair at Skinner. San Luis at 550 TAF.

- Relevant Assessments
  - Revised Operational Outlook
  - Clear Creek Technical Team: monitoring temperatures and assessing releases.
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: Next meeting Thurs. 11/19
  - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team: Wilkins Slough at 3,600-3,900 cfs which is lower than expected and likely due to lower than estimated accretions. We expect some SRSC to need additional levels to take water in the area soon and will be watching the flows and demands and coordinating with the SRSC to try and adhere to the release schedule developed by the USST.
  - Feather River Operations Group: Next meeting 11/5
  - American River Group: Next meeting 11/19
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team: Next meeting Wed. 11/18
  - Delta Cross Channel Operations: no elevation from SaMT; Smelt Monitoring Team starts meeting next week.
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation:
    - Nimbus Fish Hatchery Temperature Management Alternatives
    - Power 101 Technical Working Session this Thurs.
    - WOMT members invited for participation in a forecasting technical working session with the State Water Board, Nov. 13 (overview) and 20 (mock forecasts), RSVP requested.
  - DWR: Upcoming planned herbicide application at CCFB next week. Barker Slough weed removal under review prior to Reclamation submittal to NMFS with cc to FWS.
  - FWS: None
  - NMFS: None
  - CDFW: None
  - SWRCB: None
- Discussion Items:
  - None
- Elevation Items
  - Elevation Issues: None

- Director Meeting Topics: None

## **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1 pm, Teams “Call” Only