



## Water Operations Management Team Notes

December 30, 2020

### Members Attending

Kristin White, Mike Ford, Jana Affonso, Howard Brown, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Erik Ekdahl, Diane Riddle

### Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 12/23/2020 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Operational Updates
  - Meteorology: a series of storms is moving in. May be up to 6 inches over 4 storms. NWS thinks we may see small river hydrology change in Tu or Wed. This pattern could indicate that the storm door is opening.
  - CVP: operations at minimums 3250 cfs at Keswick , 215 cfs at Whiskeytown, 1250 cfs being reduced to 1185cfs at Nimbus, discussing larger cut next week. San Luis CVP share storage at 376 TAF. DCC closed, next high tide is next week, but no change of operating gates. Holding 1 unit through Tuesday, with storms may evaluate increasing pumping as early as Wed. These storms will not increase runoff into Folsom to create need for flood control releases from Nimbus.
  - SWP: 1250 cfs at Oroville, 1500 cfs at CC pumping, holding at this level, Delta outflow will likely remain ~5,000cfs and will reevaluate later next week. San Luis SWP share storage 573 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
  - Revised Operational Outlook
  - Clear Creek Technical Team: next meeting 3/11
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: WY21 first meeting not scheduled
  - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team: next meeting 1/16
  - Feather River Operations Group: next meeting 1/7

- American River Group: 1/7 ad hoc meeting to discuss January releases, regular meeting 1/21.
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team: next meeting 1/20, planning winter instability flows for Jan./Feb.
  - Delta Monitoring Working group: next meeting 1/5. No input from the 12/30 meeting
  - January Directors Meeting: January 7, 4-5p
  - OMR: No elevation from SaMT nor SMT, Onset of OMR management starting on 1/1.
- Upcoming Actions
    - Reclamation: Seasonal and Annual reports are coming out to the LTO coordination group. Comprehensive Operations Report (COP) report will likely be submitted by USBR and DWR late tomorrow (Thursday 12/31).
    - DWR: NMFS conditional approval for Barker Slough cleaning received. Interim JPE letter is close to coming out with a final later in January.
    - FWS: No actions.
    - NMFS: NMFS and CDFW will issue a final joint JPE letter after the genetic testing is complete, which is expected on or around January 15.
    - CDFW: CDFW sent interim JPE to DWR earlier today. Update on Fall Chinook salmon redd dewatering in upper Sacramento River: while not all data is compiled, DFW biologist think the flow actions were effective at reducing redd dewatering. A report will be circulated when completed.
    - SWRCB: Notice of lifting of Term 91 curtailments was provided on December 22, 2020. The notice indicated that all future Term 91 related notices going in to 2021 will be provided via email and web posting while State mandated stay at home orders are in place.
  - Discussion Items:
    - Directors meeting invite: WOMT members are not getting invite for the meeting. SWRCB, USBR, and CDFW WOMT members do not have it on their calendar. DWR will add WOMT members to the invite.
    - 1/7 Directors meeting agenda
      - Hydrology and Meteorology Update (Kristin/Molly)
      - Drought toolkit development Update. Maybe just be a verbal update on status and schedule of the project. Note what may occur if we are entering a drought.
      - Seasonal and Annual Report highlights of WY20 operations

- 1 slide operations, 1 slide fish response/effect
- CWP TMP (NMFS-fish highlight, USBR-ops highlight), OMR management and loss thresholds (NMFS-fish highlight, USBR-ops highlight. How often did OMR control?), SFHA (1slide on conditions experiences this year (USBR draft and share with DFW and FWS (Matt)).
- Longfin smelt ITP report (a couple bullet points may be better on other slides, Kristal to look for the right place).
- What parts of the PA/ITP should the directors know about?
  - Storm flex process
    - Controlling conditions
    - Necessary conditions. Is there a flow chart of this? CVO/BDO slide on what conditions allow storm flex, what process will be to get through MT, WOMT,
    - A couple differences with the ITP, maybe if there is a flow chart we could capture these to make it easier to follow how a storm flex occurs. DFW to share ideas.
  - Send final slides to Barb Byrne by COB Tuesday (1/5) for her to develop a slide deck for review during the 1/6 WOMT call.
- Elevation Items
  - Elevation Issues: No elevation issues for directors.

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1 pm, Teams “Call” Only