



## Notes

Water Operations Management Team  
May 20, 2020

## Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Mike Ford, Kaylee Allen, Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Garwin Yip, ~~Carl Wilcox~~, Kristal Davis-Fadtke

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of Prior Notes: Approved
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Keswick at 8,000 cfs taking advantage of rain and inflows above Bend Bridge helping with outflow and salinity; Folsom reducing from 1,750 cfs to 1,250 cfs for similar reasons; New Melones at 1,500 cfs for D-1641 Vernalis standards; Jones at 1 unit for 900 cfs; San Luis at 481 TAF. Gains in storage at Shasta (~10 TAF) and Folsom (20-25 TAF). Losing storage at New Melones.
  - SWP: Oroville releases of 2,050 cfs looking to potentially decrease this week; Exports continue at 600 cfs; San Luis 927 TAF; Oroville storage (~10 TAF gain).
- Relevant Assessments
  - Delta Salvage Performance Measures (beginning on April 1 for steelhead)
  - Additional OMR for Larval and Juvenile Delta Smelt
  - Outlook Table 3 for the SWP ITP
  - Stanislaus River Stepped Release Plan: SWT Wed. 5/20
  - American River Modified Flow Management Standard: ARG Thurs. 5/21
  - Feather River Operations Group: Thurs. 5/21
  - Clear Creek Technical Team: n/a
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: Thurs. 5/28; Letter to NMFS Today
  - Sacramento River Science Partnership: n/a
  - Delta Coordination Group for Summer/Fall Habitat: This Week
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation
    - Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan to the State Water Resources Control Board and to NMFS today. Initiation of winter-run Chinook salmon spawning was identified Friday. No changes were made as temperatures were already below 56°F at Balls Ferry identified in the draft plan.

- American River: Latest reservoir profile received yesterday and the temperature management plan will be formulated soon. Conditions are improving.
- New Melones: The Vernalis target of 1,725 cfs on the San Joaquin River is requiring releases of 1,500 cfs from New Melones and higher flows may be required. Flows above 1,500 cfs will risk seepage and damages and may require further discussion. The condition of disproportionate flows from the Stanislaus is typical on the cusp of different water year types. The fisheries consequences are not known.
- Shasta: The 90% forecast is below the 3.2 MAF Shasta Critical determination while the 50% is above. This condition has not happened before in May. Reclamation will be using the weekly updates and discussing how to address changes. We expect a final determination by the end of the month.
  - DWR: none
  - FWS: none
  - NMFS: none
  - CDFW: Risk assessment templates for smelt and salmon have been circulated for input. Once templates are finalized, weekly risk assessments will go to the salmon and smelt monitoring groups for comments and posting.
- Discussion Items
  - NTU and FNU (tabled – waiting for DWR memo to file)
- Review Elevation Items
  - Elevation Issues: none
  - Director Meeting Topics: none

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 27, 1 pm, Teams “Call” Only