



Water Operations Management Team Notes

February 3, 2021

Members Attending

Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Mike Ford, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Garwin Yip, Ken Kundargi, Erik Ekdahl, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 1/27/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) at 200 cfs. Lewiston (Trinity River) at 300 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) at 3,250 cfs minimum flow release. Nimbus (American River) at 950 cfs; possible further flow reduction being considered but will wait for February forecast. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) at 200 cfs with small winter instability pulse flow coming later this month. CVP pumping at 2 units for ~1600 cfs; will switch to two larger units tonight to increase exports to ~1,900 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 425 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville (Feather River) at 1,250 cfs. Nominal storage gains in recent storms since most precipitation fell as snow. No storm in the forecast beyond today; expect that Delta outflow will begin to control exports again by next week. SWP Delta exports at 2,000 cfs and holding through the weekend. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 645 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments & Upcoming Meetings
 - 20210202 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
 - 20210202 Proposed Action Assessment
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (*meets quarterly*): 3/11
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: Monthly meetings starting 2/25.
 - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team:
 - USST Spring Flows Planning Subgroup: 2/11

- USST regular meeting: weekly meetings starting 3/3
 - Feather River Operations Group (*meets first and third Thursday*): 2/4
 - American River Group (*meets monthly*): ad-hoc meeting 1/28; regular meeting 2/18.
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (*meets monthly*): 2/17
 - Delta Monitoring Working group (*meets weekly*): No input from 2/2 meeting. Next meeting 2/9.
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation: Reclamation has distributed to WOMT the draft letter to the Board regarding a waiver for Footnote 10 of D-1641 (related to an element of X2 requirements in February); looking for comments from WOMT members by COB Thursday (2/4). Reclamation will send the letter to the Board by COB Friday (2/5).
 - DWR: No actions.
 - FWS: EDSM crews are fully staffed this week; still helping with FCCL broodstock collection and will be helping FCCL again next week. No seining going on right now.
 - NMFS : No actions
 - CDFW: No actions
 - SWRCB: No actions.
- Discussion Items:
 - WOMT Facilitator rotation:
 - DECISION: WOMT agreed that each agency will provide facilitation for the WOMT meeting for a year, with the switch occurring at the start of each water year (with a transition period to orient the new facilitator).
 - Informational Update to SWRCB: SWRCB confirmed that WOMT update is on the agenda for the 2/16 Board meeting. WOMT update likely to occur in the morning, ~9:30am. Reclamation and DWR will present a hydrology and operations outlook; the fish agencies will collaborate on a fish status update. Presenters will share draft slides at the next planning meeting (12-1pm on 2/10), and provide final slides to Diane by COB Friday 2/12.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items for directors; Directors' meeting will be cancelled.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, February 10, 1 pm – 2 pm, Teams “Call” Only: