



Delta Monitoring Workgroup

Meeting Record 01/02/2024

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Nick Bertrand, Alex Jensen, Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Erica Meyers
- DWR: Mike Ford, Brian Schreier, Nicole Kwan
- SWRCB: Matt Holland
- Water Contractors: Tom Boardman (WWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Ian Buck-Macleod (Friant WA), Jennie Buckman (ARSC), Sarah Piramoon (Valley Water), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC)

Review Operations Outlook (DWR)

- There may be a 250 cfs decrease in releases on the American River; if this were to happen, the change order would occur later this week on Friday (1/05/2024).
- OMR management season began January 1, 2024.
- Refer to the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook for more information.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions or comments.

Review PA Assessment (USBR)

Reclamation provided the PA Assessment update. For more information, please refer to the PA Assessment document.

Additional Questions or Comments

- Question: Are we anticipating and preparing for the First Flush of the season?
 - Answer: We don't think the First Flush will be triggered from the storms forecast for this week; it is possible that subsequent storms over the following week(s) could trigger it.

Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

DWR provided the LFS update. For more information, please refer to the ITP Risk Assessment document.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions or comments.

Acronyms

- CVP – Central Valley Project
- DCC – Delta Cross Channel
- DOI – Delta Outflow Index
- DWR – California Department of Water Resources
- DCI – Delta Mendota Canal – California Aqueduct Intertie
- DS – Delta Smelt
- FNU – Formazin Nephelometric Unit
- I:E – Inflow to Export
- IOP – Interim Operations Plan
- ITP – Incidental Take Permit
- JPE – Juvenile Production Estimate
- LFS – Longfin Smelt
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
- OBI – Old River Bacon Island Station
- OMR – Old and Middle River Tidally Averaged Flow
- PA – Proposed Action (Federal)
- PTM – Particle Tracking Model
- SaMT – Salmon Monitoring Team
- SLS – Smelt Larval Survey
- SMT – Smelt Monitoring Team
- SWP – State Water Project
- SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board
- TFCF – Tracy Fish Collection Facility

- TUCP – Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- TUCO – Temporary Urgency Change Order
- USBR – United States Bureau of Reclamation
- WCS – Winter Run Chinook Salmon
- WOMT – Water Operations Management Team
- WQ – Water Quality
- YOY – Young of Year