



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

May 29, 2024

## Members Attending

- Reclamation: Elizabeth Kiteck
- USFWS: Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Howard Brown, Garwin Yip
- DWR: Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of meeting notes from last meeting: 5/22/24
- Upcoming Meetings:
  - Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 6/4/24
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 6/4/24
  - Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 6/6/24
  - American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 6/20/24
  - Stanislaus Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 6/19/24
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 6/13/24
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (SRTTG) ad hoc meeting: 6/27/24
  - Shasta Planning Group (as needed): 6/3/2024
- Relevant Assessments
  - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook: 5/28/24 – 6/3/24
  - Proposed Action Assessment: 5/28/24
  - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 5/28/24

- SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 5/28/24
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity River release is at 2,700 cfs today and will slowly decrease through August 4. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases range from 8,700 cfs through Saturday. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) release is 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is 3,000 cfs reducing to 2,500 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) is currently releasing 2,000 cfs with the last pulse flow occurring this week.. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 3,500 cfs (4 units). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 791 TAF.
  - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) release is 2,100 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 600 cfs and projected to increase on 6/1. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 450 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation): Warm weather continues, with occasional gusty winds. Elevated fire concerns on Thursday. Onshore flow returns by the weekend.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates, and Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
  - Discussion Items: Discuss upcoming operations.
  - No actions or updates.
- FWS:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- DWR:
  - Update: There will be an herbicide application planner for CCF at the end of June.
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
  - No actions, updates, or discussion items.

## Discussion Items

- Reclamation: We would like some direction on what OMRI we will be operating to over the next week. We would like to operate to -3500 and ramp up to -5000 OMRI next week.

- DWR: We support the adjustment to -3500 OMRI and reevaluating -5000 OMRI next week.
- NMFS: The proportion of Steelhead in the delta has decreased and other factors and lines of evidence indicate that risk to steelhead is decreasing. We don't object to -3500 and reevaluating next week. Winter-run are largely out of the Delta as well.
- DWR: The last salvaged winter run that was genetically confirmed was March 21st.
- CDFW: Operating to -3,500 OMRI and reevaluating next week is consistent with the advice from SaMT in the ITP risk assessment.

#### **Elevation Items**

- No elevation items.

#### **Action Items**

- No action items.

#### **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, 6/5/24, 1-1:50pm