



Delta Monitoring Workgroup

Meeting Record 06/18/2024

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Randi Field, Nick Bertrand, Erika Kegel, Elissa Buttermore, Grace Easterbrook, Tony Yang
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Brian Schreier
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Shawn Acuña (MWD), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Darcy Austin (SWC), Ian Buck Macleod (Friant WA), Tom Boardman (WWD), Heidi Williams (Valley Water), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA)

Review Operations Outlook (Reclamation, DWR)

- OMRI requirements ended last week. Reclamation and DWR propose joint water project operations be conducted according to D-1641 requirements.
- Releases into Clear Creek from Whiskeytown Dam are currently at the peak of the attraction flow, but will return to base flows of about 150 cfs on June 25.
- On the Sacramento River, there was a change order today for Keswick Dam releases to increase from 9,000 cfs to 10,000 cfs to support downstream needs.
- CVP and SWP are coordinating releases in the Delta to meet X2 requirements.
- JPP exports decreased to 2,700 cfs (6/18/2024) to support meeting flow requirements if the June water quality component of the X2 requirements at Chipps Island (20 days) have not been met by Thursday (6/20). JPP exports are planned to increase Friday (6/21/24) to 4,200 cfs after fulfilling the D1641 action.
- DCC Gates are open and anticipating temporary gate exercising on Friday (6/21), Monday (6/24), and Tuesday 6/25).
- Freeport average daily flow yesterday was about 15,400 cfs.
- Vernalis average daily flow yesterday was about 2,500 cfs.
- Flows on the Feather River out of Oroville are currently at 4,000 cfs.

- Clifton Court exports will increase from its current 800 cfs to about 2,500 cfs this week and remain at that level for most of next week. Next weekend (6/28 and 6/29), exports will be 0 cfs due to herbicide treatment activities.
- Refer to the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook for more information.

Additional Questions or Comments

- Question: If there are no assessments, can someone say whether OMR has been off-ramped?
 - Answer: Yes, OMR was off-ramped last week for both species because there were three consecutive days of more than 25 degrees Celsius at Clifton Court Forebay and both Prisoners Point and Mossdale Slough reached 71.6 degrees Fahrenheit for seven non-consecutive days. OMR season is finished for this water year. This information, including the dates, is included in this week's Water Operations Outlook.

Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)

There was no PA Assessment update from Reclamation this week.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions.

Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

There was no LFS update from DWR's ITP Risk Assessment this week.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions.

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
- ITL – Incidental Take Limit
- 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