

Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 10/22/2024

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Thuy Washburn, Alexander Vaisvil, Chase Ehlo, Tony Yang, Lilian McCormick
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Farida Islam, Katie Osborn
- SWRCB: Matt Holland
- Water Contractors: Scott Petersen (SLDMWA), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Sarah Piramoon (Valley Water), Jose Rangel (WWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Jennifer Buckman (ARSC), Ian Buck-Macleod (FWA), Steve Micko (MWD)
- Kearns & West: Brittani Bohlke, Marlys Jeane

Review Operations Outlook

- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are at 2,450 cfs and will decrease to 2,250 cfs by the end of the week. Next week, releases will decrease to about 1,750 cfs to keep releases close to minimums and conserve storage as precipitation is anticipated in the coming weeks.
- DCC Gates opened on October 11th and will remain open until December 1st.
- SWP exports will gradually increase by between 2,000 cfs and 4,500 cfs this week at Clifton Court after the "outage" last week for weed/herbicide treatment and switchyard maintenance work. Salinity will be monitored closely to ensure there are no sudden surges in the Delta.

Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions or comments.

Review PA Assessment (USBR)

Reclamation provided a brief update on the current conditions and operations.

- The Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) started convening again on 10/8 for the season.
- One salmon has been caught in the screw trap at Knight's Landing within the last week; detections will be reported as the season progresses.

Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions or comments.

Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

DWR will provide ITP Risk Assessment updates in early November as smelt monitoring begins.

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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
- 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