



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 10/29/2024

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Thuy Washburn, Alexander Vaisvil, Chase Ehlo, Tony Yang, Lilian McCormick, Erika Kegel, Nick Bertrand, Grace Easterbrook
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Nicole Kwan
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Scott Petersen (SLDMWA), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Jose Rangel (WWD), Tom Boardman (WWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Jennifer Buckman (ARSC), Steve Micko (MWD)
- Kearns & West: Nora De Cuir, Marlys Jeane

Review Operations Outlook

- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 6,800 cfs and decreasing.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are 1,500 cfs and increasing to 2,000 cfs by November 1 to reach minimum river release flow for the American.
- In the Delta, CVP exports are 2,700 cfs and may increase by November 1 depending on water levels.
- JPP is exporting 1,800 cfs and may increase November 1.
- DCC Gates opened October 11 and will remain open until December 1.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are at 2,150 cfs on Tuesday (10/29) down from 2,250 cfs on Monday (10/28). Releases are slowly decreasing, aiming for 1,750 cfs by November 1 and conserving storage as precipitation is anticipated in the coming weeks.

- SWP exports at Clifton Court this week range between 1,000 to 5,000 cfs, with exports on Tuesday (10/29) around 4,000 cfs. Exports will continue to decrease to the 1,300 to 1,500 cfs range by November 1 as precipitation is anticipated.

Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions or comments.

Review PA Assessment (USBR)

Reclamation provided a brief update on the current conditions and operations. For more information, please refer to the PA Assessment document.

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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