



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 11/05/2024

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Alexander Vaisvil, Chase Ehlo, Lilian McCormick, Erika Kegel, Grace Easterbrook, Cat Pien
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Farida Islam, Katie Osborn, Brian Schreier
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Scott Petersen (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Jose Rangel (WWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Jennifer Buckman (ARSC), Steve Micko (MWD)
- Kearns & West: Brittani Bohlke, Marlys Jeane

Review Operations Outlook

- At Shasta Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 6,200 cfs with the possibility of decreasing this week. Folsom is releasing 2,000 cfs and New Melones is between 200 cfs and 500 cfs on the tail end of the Fall Pulse Flow.
- JPP exports are just below 3,500 cfs, having decreased slightly since Monday (11/4) due to unit issues. Repairs are in place to get back up to 3,500 cfs as quickly as possible.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are at 1,750 cfs and holding.
- SWP exports at Clifton Court are 3,200 cfs and will decrease this week to reach the monthly combined Delta outflow requirement of 4,500 cfs; exports will increase again if there's precipitation.

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 provided a brief update on smelt monitoring. For more information, refer to the ITP Risk Assessment document.

Additional Questions or Comments

- Question: The Power Bypass recommendation on the American River was elevated to WOMT; however, WOMT rejected CDFW's request for reconsideration of enlarging the Power Bypass. Why?
 - Answer: No DMW members in attendance are able to respond to this question today. The K&W Facilitation Team will bring this question to Reclamation representatives and circulate a response to the group if available.

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
- SRDWSC – Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel
- 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