



Delta Action Team (DAT) Weekly Meeting

Teams call: 5/5/26 at 10:00 a.m.

Participants

- Kearns & West: Mia Schiappi, Brita Romans
- California Department of Water Resources (DWR): Farida Islam, Jeffrey Onsted, Ramesh Gautam, Márcia Scavone-Tansey, John Ford, Kevin Reece, Chang Vang, Mohammadreza Gohardoust Monfared, Bryant Giorgi, Ian Uecker, Peter Nelson, Erfan Ghasemi-Tousi, Alicia Seesholtz, Mackenzie Miner, Chris Wilkinson, Brian Schreier, Brett Harvey
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR): Erika Kegel, Bogdan Maghiar-Garabet, Thuy Washburn, Lillian McCormick, Tony Yang, Katherine Migura, Alexander Vaisvil,
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS): Adam Nanninga, Sang Seon Yun, Denise Goodman, Leif Goude
- California State Water Resources Control Board: Jeff Laird
- Westlands Water District (WWD): Alan Rosenthal, Shelly Ruiz, Bradley Cavallo,
- Contra Costa Water District (CCWD): Lu Han, Barb Byrne,
- Metropolitan Water District (MWD): Brian Mahardja,
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Carrie Skorcz,
- Friant Water Authority (FWA)
- San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority: Cindy Meyer,
- State Water Contractors (SWC): Darcy Austin, Chandra Chilmakuri,
- Friends of the River: Greg Reis

Action Items

- None

Welcome & Housekeeping

- None

Weekly Operations Update

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Current Operations

- DAT reviewed and updated the Fish and Water Operations Outlook document.
- Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are currently at 7,000 cfs and will range between 7,000 cfs and 8,000 cfs.
- Oroville storage was 3.342 MAF as of 5/4.
- Feather River releases on 5/5 will range between 1,100 cfs to 1,050 cfs. Releases for the remainder of the week will remain at 1,050 cfs.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are at 3,000 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are currently 350 cfs and are expected to range from 150 cfs to 350 cfs.
- Freeport flows are at 14,600 cfs and will range between 13,000 cfs and 15,000 cfs.
- Vernalis flows are at 2,100 cfs and will range between 1,300 to 2,200 cfs.
- Delta outflow is at 14,200 cfs and will range between 10,000 to 14,500 cfs.
- Clifton Court Forebay (CCF) is currently at 600 cfs and will remain at 600 cfs for the week.
- Rio Vista flows are at 11,800 cfs and will range between 10,000 cfs to 12,000 cfs.
- JPF will range between 1,600 cfs to 2,500 cfs.
- San Luis total storage is currently 1.72 MAF, SWP's share is 942 TAF and CVP's share is 778 TAF (80%).
- Daily QWEST is at 2,700 cfs. Expected seven-day QWest is 3,700 cfs and the forecasted range will be between 1,400 cfs to 3,500 cfs.
- Expected Daily OMR Index is -1,000 cfs. Expected five-day average is -1,400 cfs, and the 14-day average is -1,500 cfs.

Questions/Discussions on Weekly Fish and Water Operations

- None

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Species Tables Updates

- Reclamation updated the Central Valley Steelhead information in Table 2a to reflect updated loss numbers.

- DWR updated Table 3a and described the comment under Spring-run Protection Action and Surrogate Annual Loss (8.4.5), noting an updated YOY loss for Group 5 of 2.76, well below the threshold.
- See the Weekly Operations reports for additional detail.

Questions/Discussions on Operations Outlook Species Tables Updates

- None

Proposed Action Assessments

Proposed Action Assessment Update

- Reclamation presented the weekly combined assessment.
- Reclamation updated the loss number for Central Valley Steelhead, with a loss of 251 natural steelhead (4.74%) and 1,887 hatchery (28.84%).

Zone of Influence (ZOI)

- Current delta hydrology falls in the ‘medmed’ (medium-medium) category, and 7-day forecasted conditions fall in the ‘medlow’ (medium-low) category.

Salmonid Proposed Action Assessment

- STARS estimated overall apparent survival probability is .04 as of 5/5.
- STARS estimated apparent delta survivability at .01 as of 5/5.
- STARS estimated routing for delta is at WAPA .13.
- Overall evaluation shows low risk of exceeding loss thresholds in the upcoming week for all species.

ESA and CESA Osmerids

- Reclamation provided brief update on ESA- and CESA-listed Osmerids, noting no new releases, with 74 delta smelt as the total survey collection count for the year: 44 adults, 30 juveniles.
- See the Weekly Assessment report for additional details.

Proposed Action Assessment

- No conditions are met for any actions to be triggered.
- Entrainment risk remains very low, and JPF is positive.

Questions/Discussions on Proposed Action Assessments

- None

Next DAT Meeting

- The next Delta Action Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 5/12/26.