



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

February 17, 2021

## Members Attending

Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Mike Ford, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Erik Ekdahl

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 2/10/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) at 200 cfs. Lewiston (Trinity River) at 300 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) at 3,250 cfs minimum flow release. Nimbus (American River) at 950 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) at 600 cfs and going to 400 cfs on Friday; these releases are for EC at Vernalis. CVP pumping at 3 units for ~2,600 cfs. CVP will increase on Friday to 4 units for ~3,300 cfs to pick up some expected increased inflow, but that increased pumping is expected to be short-lived since the projected storm for later this week looks to be weakening. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 454 TAF.
  - SWP: Oroville (Feather River) at 1,250 cfs. SWP Delta exports at 3,400 cfs yesterday; 3,500 cfs today; may drop to ~2,500 cfs when CVP pumping goes up on Friday. DWR reiterated that Friday's storm looks to be weakening. Yesterday, OMR was approximately -4,950 cfs (daily), -3,730 cfs (5-day), and -3,270 cfs (14-day). Tides are on a draining cycle and there is currently a high pressure system over the Delta; peak tides projected to occur toward the end of the month. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 680 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments & Upcoming Meetings
  - 20210216 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
  - 20210216 Proposed Action Assessment
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): 3/11
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: Monthly meetings starting 2/25.
  - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team:

- USST Spring Flows Planning Subgroup: 2/24
  - USST regular meeting: weekly meetings starting 3/3
- Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 2/18
- American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursdays, and as needed): 2/18.
- Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 2/17
- Delta Monitoring Working group (meets weekly): No input from 2/16 meeting. Next meeting 2/23.
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation: No actions.
  - DWR: DWR expressed appreciation to SWRCB and the WOMT agencies for the coordination on the request to waive the starting gate salinity requirement and reported that the starting gate requirement was actually met on 2/14.
  - FWS: No actions.
  - NMFS: Delta Science Program is hosting a steelhead workshop this week.
  - CDFW: No actions.
  - SWRCB: No actions.
- Discussion Items:
  - Debrief on Informational Update at the 2/16 SWRCB meeting: Update and presentations appeared to be well-received by the SWRCB. One takeaway was the SWRCB's emphasis on the importance of good communication, especially during drought conditions. SWRCB staff indicated that one or more updates to the SWRCB will likely be requested, perhaps closer to 4/1 (at a regular SWRCB meeting, which are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of each month). WOMT discussed how to keep aware of SWRCB activity, particularly relating to water transfer requests (for which comment period is usually 30 days).
    - ACTION ITEM: SWRCB will flag to WOMT any Sacramento-basin-origin water transfer requests, either by e-mail or at the weekly WOMT meeting.
    - ACTION ITEM: SWRCB will share with WOMT the information on how to sign up for alerts regarding water transfers. UPDATE: subscription list is available at the following link, click on "Water Rights" and select the "Water Rights Transfers" checkbox.  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html)
- Elevation Items
  - No elevation items for directors; Directors' meeting will be cancelled.

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, February 24, 1 pm – 2 pm, Teams “Call” Only: