

Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 7, 2021

Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo,-Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Garwin Yip, Josh Grover, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 3/31/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - o Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): 6/18
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (monthly starting in February): 4/22;
 possible ad-hoc meeting to be scheduled prior to the 4/21 SWRCB workshop on Sacramento River temperature management.
 - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team (weekly starting in April): 4/7, 4/14
 - o Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 4/15
 - o American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursdays, and as needed): 4/15
 - o Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 4/21
 - Delta Monitoring Working group (meets weekly): No input from 4/6 meeting. Next meeting 4/13.

Operational Updates

- O CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) at 300 cfs. Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) at 225 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) will increase 4/8 from 4,500 to 5,000 cfs for expected demands and Delta outflow. Nimbus (American River) releases will increase 4/8 from 1,750 cfs to 2,000 cfs for Delta outflow. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are at 400 cfs for Vernalis salinity; increased releases for the spring pulse flow begin Friday. CVP had been cycling at the export facilities but at noon today returned to pumping with one unit for ~800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 432 TAF.
- o SWP: Oroville (Feather River) releases are at 1,300 cfs. Inflow at Clifton Court Forebay is ~700 cfs. OMR for today is projected to be ~-980 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 668 TAF. Weather forecast shows a potential system next week. The Delta is on a draining portion of the tides.

• Relevant Assessments

- o 20210406 Fish and Water Operations Outlook MTs
- o 20210406 Proposed Action Assessment MTs
- ITP SaMT Risk Assessment DRAFT Summary 6 April 2021
- ITP SMT Risk Assessment DRAFT Summary 6 April 2021

• Upcoming Actions

- Reclamation: Conducting a power bypass test at Shasta Dam on Saturday night to test if water released from the upper river outlets is warmer than that accessible by the temperature control device.
- FWS: Hosting a 4/20 public workshop on the Individual Based Model for Delta Smelt.
- NMFS: No actions.
- O DWR: DWR plans to update the March Drought Contingency Plan with an addendum in April, and with a full plan update in May.
- o CDFW: No actions.
- o SWRCB: SWRCB is sending a letter regarding San Joaquin River flows to Reclamation. The notice for the 4/21 workshop on Sacramento River Temperature Management will go out today. The SWRCB is also holding a 4/16 workshop to discuss water supply and demand assessment tools the Board has developed.

• Discussion Items:

- O Directors' Meeting Facilitation: The appropriate facilitator will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on meeting focus.
- Hydrology & Operations Outlook: The April update of Bulletin 120 is expected out tomorrow.

• Elevation Items

o No elevation items for directors; the Directors' meeting on 4/8 will be cancelled.

Next Meeting

• Wednesday, April 14, 1 pm – 2 pm.