



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

May 5, 2021

## Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Erik Ekdahl, Diane Riddle

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 4/28/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): 6/18
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (currently meeting weekly): 5/6, 5/13
  - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team (weekly starting in April): 5/5, 5/12
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 5/6, 5/20
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursdays, and as needed): 5/20
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 5/19
  - Delta Monitoring Working group (meets weekly): No input from 5/4 meeting. Next meeting 5/11.
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) still implementing the ROD pulse flow; releases now in a slow recession into the second week of June. Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) will be releasing a spring pulse flow scheduled for this Friday (5/7) and Saturday (5/8). Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 8,000 cfs; increasing to 8,500 cfs at midnight today for Delta needs. Because 8,500 cfs exceeds the capacity of the outlet valves being used for the Shasta power bypass, approximately 10% of the release will go through the Temperature Control Device and power plant at Shasta Dam. Nimbus (American River) releases at 1,000 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases holding at 500 cfs (rather than the minimum of 150 cfs) in anticipation of Vernalis flow needs. CVP pumping is at one unit for ~800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 383 TAF. The Delta Cross Channel gates were opened briefly today, 5/5, for testing.

- SWP: Oroville (Feather River) releases increased from 800 cfs to 1,000 cfs today and will increase to 1,200 by Thursday, 5/6, for Delta outflow. SWP exports are ~400 cfs. There will be zero exports late next week for planned annual maintenance at Banks Pumping Plant. Of the two spring tides in May, next week's spring tide will be the weaker of the two. No precipitation in the forecast. OMR for today is projected to be ~-1,220 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 635 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
  - 20210504 fish and water operations outlook MT's
  - 20210504 Proposed Action Assessment MT's
  - ITP SaMT Risk Assessment DRAFT Summary 4 May 2021
  - DRAFT SMT Risk Assessment Summary 4 May 2021
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation: Working on letter to SWRCB regarding Delta outflow. Reclamation expects to soon share a draft temperature management plan for Shasta with the SWRCB and the Sacramento River Temperature Task Group. Looking in particular for feedback on the two different approaches. North of Delta agricultural allocation is on hold.
  - FWS: No actions.
  - NMFS: No actions.
  - DWR: Stakeholder meeting tomorrow on input on the development of the Monitoring Special Study Plans required by the Comprehensive Operations Plan as required by the SWRCB's Bay-Delta Plan Update. .
  - CDFW: No actions.
  - SWRCB: Next Tuesday, 5/11, the SWRCB will release draft methodology for how to conduct curtailments for post-1914 appropriative water rights. Will share with WOMT and will have a 5/21 workshop to solicit public comments on the methodology. May issue notices of water unavailability in June. Meeting with water users on Mill Creek and Deer Creek regarding voluntary actions.
- Discussion Items:
  - Hydrology & Operations Outlook: Throughout April, drastic decline in the weekly runoff forecast updates. The final Bulletin 120 of the water year is expected out on May 10; at which point the Projects will be updating the operations forecasts for the summer.
  - Drought Planning: Projects are working on a response to the 4/30 letter from the SWRCB regarding non-compliance with D-1641. DWR and Reclamation are in the process of planning and gathering information to support a Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) request to the SWRCB. SWRCB WOMT members asked for early coordination on any TUCP at the staff level. WOMT discussed some of the other efforts and discussions underway to manage through drought conditions. Was suggested that roles be clarified for the DRY year team.

Water Transfers: Information on water transfers is available through the Water Transfer Information Management System: <https://info.water.ca.gov/wtims/>

- Elevation Items
  - No elevation items for directors; Thursday's Directors Meeting will be cancelled.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, May 12, 1 pm – 2 pm.