



Water Operations Management Team Notes

May 12, 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 5/5/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): 6/18
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (currently meeting weekly): 5/13, 5/20
 - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team (biweekly starting in April): 5/19, 5/26
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 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 5/11 meeting. Next meeting 5/18.
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) ramping down on spring pulse flow; releases will decrease to 200 cfs by Sunday, 5/16. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 9,000 cfs today and will decrease to 8,800 cfs tomorrow (still for Delta outflow). Nimbus (American River) releases are at 1,000 cfs; decreasing to 900 cfs tomorrow, 5/13. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are at 1,500 cfs; decreasing to 1,300 tomorrow and to 1,100 on Friday, 5/14. CVP pumping is at one unit for ~800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 366 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville (Feather River) releases decreased yesterday from 2,500 cfs to 2,300 cfs. SWP exports are ~300 cfs. Daily OMR for today is projected to be ~-1,260 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 624 TAF.
 - General: DWR and Reclamation noted that additional Sacramento basin reservoir releases may be needed soon to continue to meet the Emmaton water quality

standard in D-1641 (14-day running average of mean daily electrical conductivity not to exceed 2.78).

- Relevant Assessments
 - 20210511 fish and water operations outlook MT's
 - 20210511 Proposed Action Assessment MT's
 - ITP SaMT Risk Assessment DRAFT Summary 11 May 2021
 - ITP SMT Risk Assessment DRAFT Summary 11 May 2021
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation: Will be submitting a final temperature management plan for Shasta by the end of the month. The power bypass at Shasta Dam may be discontinued soon.
 - FWS: No actions.
 - NMFS: No actions.
 - DWR: No actions.
 - CDFW: No actions.
 - SWRCB: Today, the SWRCB is releasing the draft methodology for how to determine water unavailability to support notices of water unavailability for post-1914 appropriative water rights. The methodology could also be adapted for use in emergency curtailment regulations, including for more senior water rights. The SWRCB is hosting a 5/21 workshop to solicit public comments on the methodology.
- Discussion Items:
 - Hydrology update: Dramatic decline in the forecasted runoff between the April 1 Bulletin 120 (B120) and the May 1 B120. The May 1 B120 is the last official forecast, though DWR issues weekly runoff updates through May.
 - TUCP & Drought Planning: DWR and Reclamation anticipate submitting a final Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) request to the SWRCB on Friday, 5/14. WOMT discussed potential options and timeframes for NMFS, FWS, and CDFW input regarding the TUCP request. DWR and Reclamation noted that the TUCP will focus on the request to modify Bay-Delta D-1641 standards. The May update (anticipated to be submitted at the end of May) to the Drought Contingency Plan will include additional drought actions to address the systemwide issues.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items for directors, but Thursday's Directors Meeting will be retained for drought discussion.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 1 pm – 2 pm.