



Water Operations Management Team Notes

May 19, 2021

Members Attending

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

Members Not Attending

Howard Brown, Josh Grover, Erik Ekdahl

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 5/12/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): 6/18
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (currently meeting weekly): 5/20, 5/27
 - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team: 6/16, 6/23
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 5/20, 6/3
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursdays, and as needed): 5/20, 6/17
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 5/19, 6/16
 - Delta Monitoring Working group (meets weekly): No input from 5/18 meeting. Next meeting 5/25.
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are at 1,500 cfs; one more small pulse in the next few weeks before releases will drop to summer flow of 300 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 8,800 cfs. Nimbus (American River) releases are at 900 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases decreased this morning from 900 cfs to 700 cfs. CVP pumping is at one unit for ~800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 341 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville (Feather River) releases are at 2,500 cfs. SWP exports are ~300 cfs; exports were zero over the past weekend and will be again during some upcoming

planned maintenance. Daily OMR for today is projected to be ~-1,125 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 612 TAF. The Delta has experienced higher than usual tides lately due to the strength and direction of winds, which has contributed to increased salinity at Emmaton. Salinity at Emmaton is now decreasing, but with the second spring tide of the month coming, the Projects are still closely watching water quality at this location.

- Relevant Assessments
 - 20210518 fish and water operations outlook MTs
 - 20210518 Proposed Action Assessment MTs
 - ITP SaMT Risk Assessment DRAFT Summary 18 May 2021
 - ITP SMT Risk Assessment DRAFT Summary 18 May 2021

- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation: Reclamation plans to submit a final temperature management plan for Shasta next week. Reclamation, in coordination with DWR, plans to complete the Drought Action Plan (a requirement in the ITP) on Friday 5/28. Reclamation is currently reviewing M&I water allocations and may announce adjustments to the current allocations later this week or sometime next week.
 - FWS: No actions.
 - NMFS: No actions.
 - DWR: No actions.
 - CDFW: No actions.
 - SWRCB: The SWRCB is hosting a 5/21 workshop to solicit public comments on the methodology for how to determine water unavailability to support notices of water unavailability for post-1914 appropriative water rights (draft methodology released last week).

- Discussion Items:
 - Debrief on drought update at the 5/18/21 SWRCB Workshop
 - Topics covered during the drought update included: a hydrology update, the recent TUCP request from Reclamation and DWR, the Board's efforts re: curtailments, and Shasta temperature planning. There was also an opportunity for public comment on drought-related items. The discussion, including public comments, covered a variety of drought-related concerns (such as concern from Delta residents about Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and Microcystis). The SWRCB is likely to request drought updates at the upcoming regularly scheduled meetings (on the first and third Tuesdays of each month).
 - Hydrology update: DWR shared an overview of the 5/11 Bulletin 120 (B120) forecast update. In the 90% exceedance forecast, projected runoff decreased for Shasta and Folsom and held steady for the Feather River basin.

- Drought planning: The drought barrier is tentatively scheduled to be in place no later than 7/1. The Drought Action Plan (release anticipated 5/28) includes not only CVP and SWP actions, but actions by other parties such as water transfers, plans for reduced water use, and shifts in timing of water use.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items for directors from any of the technical teams or WOMT.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 1 p.m–2 p.m.