



Water Operations Management Team Notes

October 13, 2021

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 10/6/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.

- Upcoming Meetings
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): December 2021
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (now meeting approximately monthly): 10/28
 - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team – Flow smoothing (no regular schedule): Tentative hold on 11/10
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 10/21
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursdays, and as needed): 10/21
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 10/20
 - SaMT (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 10/19
 - SMT (meets weekly on Tuesdays starting in November): Tentatively 11/2

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are 450 cfs. Decrease to 300 cfs on 10/16 for wintertime flows. Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) releases are 200 cfs, may be reducing sometime next week. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 6,800 cfs; may be reducing later this week. Nimbus (American River) releases are 550 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are 200 cfs; pulse flow beginning this weekend on 10/16 through 11/4 or 11/5 (a couple of pulses during the period); Reclamation's Delta

pumping is at 2 units today (~1,800 cfs); likely to stay there but will decrease to 1 unit (~800 cfs) if needed for salinity; Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 29 TAF.

- SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are currently holding at 1,250 cfs; may be reducing later this week. DWR is exporting ~300 cfs through Clifton Court Forebay. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 191 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20211012 fish and water operations outlook
 - 20211012 Proposed Action Assessment Final
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation: No actions
 - FWS: No actions.
 - CDFW: No actions.
 - NMFS: No actions; However, asked about the status of SWRCB decision on the New Melones transfer. SWRCB indicated that approval was pending, but that it might not be for the total amount. Reclamation indicated that timing of the change order was not conducive to shaping flows for fish. Discussion of need to improve communication regarding scheduling restraints associated with future transfer requests.
 - DWR: No actions.
 - SWRCB:
 - Curtailment status update today, to keep to no less than once weekly. Focused on supply and demand. Will discuss at the curtailment workshop next week on 10/20.
 - Issued curtailments order for Mill and Deer Creek on Monday (10/11) to go into effect on Friday (10/15).
 - The SWRCB is interested in following up with a workshop to learn more about improvements to forecasting methods that were discussed by DWR Director Karla Nemeth during the hydrology update to the Board on September 21.
- TUCP/TUCO & Drought Updates:

The Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP), TUC Order (TUCO), and related documents (including information reported by Reclamation and DWR) are available online at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/tucp/index.html.

- Agency discussions on Biological Review for 2022 TUCP scheduled for 10/21 (salmonids and sturgeon) and 10/22 (smelt).

- Discussion Items:
 - NMFS: Will there be a reduction to minimum flows from Shasta? Reclamation indicated that, at this time, the plan was to reduce from 6,800 cfs down to 6,000 cfs, not to minimum flows.

- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items for directors from WOMT.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 1 pm – 2 pm.