



Water Operations Management Team Notes

October 20, 2021

Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Josh Grover, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 10/13/2021 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
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 10/26
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays starting in November): 11/2
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are 300 cfs. Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) releases are 200 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 6,400 cfs today and will reduce to 6,000 cfs tomorrow. Nimbus (American River) releases are 550 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are changing rapidly due to continuing Fall Pulse Flow this week; Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit (down from 2 units on Sunday due to salinity concerns). Projecting good precipitation amounts from incoming storms; will reassess pumping next week and see what happens to salinity in the Delta. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 16 TAF.

- SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are currently holding at 1,250 cfs. DWR is exporting ~300 cfs through Clifton Court Forebay. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 187 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20211019 fish and water operations outlook
 - 20211019 Proposed Action Assessment Final
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation: No actions.
 - FWS: No actions.
 - CDFW: No actions.
 - NMFS: No actions. Follow-up on DWR request for 11/1 herbicide treatment in CCF. Draft request has been reviewed; hopefully, the formal request will be sent soon.
 - DWR: No actions.
 - SWRCB:
 - Curtailment workshop today.
 - Met with Reclamation and DWR on Term 91 approach to issuing curtailments. Follow up meeting to be scheduled and will also be the subject of the workshop scheduled for December.
- 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 tomorrow (10/21; salmonids and sturgeon) and Friday (10/22; smelt).
- Discussion Items:
 - Northern California Water Association 2022 Scenario Planning and Dry Year Review meeting on 10/29: all directors have been asked to speak, need to plan for it. Could possibly be tacked on to end of Director's meeting this Friday for discussion.
 - Action Item: WOMT members to touch base with their directors before next WOMT meeting regarding plans for presenting at NCWA meeting on 10/29.
 - Shasta operations and potential reductions: Reclamation plans to reduce to 6,000 cfs by tomorrow. If precipitation is substantial, then there could be additional reductions, with slow ramp down rate. State Water Resources Control Board has lifted all curtailments. Curtailment orders are based on forecasts from the California Nevada River Forecast Center, so they are dynamic. Storm event at tail end of the week could have widespread effects; if it doesn't materialize, then will reassess

curtailments. In the Delta, increased flows would not be seen from the storm system until the end of next week. Later storm is forecast to make improvements for San Joaquin River. Discussion of convening Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team to be updated on operations ended with agreement to wait until effects of storm are seen.

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

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 1 pm – 2 pm.