



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

November 17, 2021

## Members Attending

Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Josh Grover, Erik Ekdahl

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 11/10/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): December 2021
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (now meeting approximately monthly): 12/2
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 11/18
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursdays, and as needed): 11/18
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 11/17
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/23
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/23
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are 300 cfs. Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) releases are 200 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 3,250 cfs. Nimbus (American River) releases are 550 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are at 200 cfs; Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 3 units targeting 2,700 cfs; Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 95 TAF.
  - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are currently 950 cfs. DWR is exporting 1,000 cfs today and will decrease to 300 cfs tomorrow through Clifton Court Forebay. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 367 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
  - 20211116 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 11/16/21 – 11/22/2021

- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation: No actions.
  - FWS: Both FWS and CDFW will be attending the Smelt Monitoring Team next Tuesday to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming Delta smelt experimental release.
  - CDFW: No actions.
  - NMFS: No actions. Discussion item about upcoming 2022 TUCP and Federal ESA compliance.
  - DWR: No actions.
  - SWRCB: No actions.
- 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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/tucp/index.html).

  - Biological Review red flag review and discussion on Wednesday 11/17.
  - Reclamation and DWR working towards December 1 submittal of TUCP for 2022.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
  - Nothing significant in near term forecast.
- Discussion Items
  - Upcoming 2022 TUCP and Federal ESA compliance: The agencies, especially Federal agencies, discussed Federal ESA compliance for Reclamation's and DWR's proposed 2022 TUCP. Several options were brought up, with mention of some pros and cons of each, including feasibility. There was mention of past TUCP efforts from 2014 and 2015, and how the current proposed TUCP and associated process compares and contrasts. The WOMT members agreed to discuss Federal ESA compliance of the 2022 TUCP within their respective agencies, and report back at the November 24 WOMT meeting.
- Elevation Items
  - No elevation items for Directors from WOMT.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 24, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.