

Water Operations Management Team Notes

December 1, 2021

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 11/24/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - O Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly): December 2021
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (now meeting approximately monthly):
 12/2
 - o Feather River Operations Group (meets first and third Thursdays): 12/2
 - o American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursdays, and as needed): 12/16
 - o Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 12/15
 - o Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/7
 - o Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/7

• Operational Updates

- O 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 2 units, targeting 1,800 cfs; dropping to 1 unit on Friday, targeting 800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 72 TAF.
- SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are currently 1,300 cfs.
 DWR is exporting 300 cfs through Clifton Court Forebay. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 408 TAF.

• Relevant Assessments

- o 20211130 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 11/30/21 12/6/2021
- o 20211130 Proposed Action Assessment Final

• Upcoming Actions

- Reclamation: No actions.
- FWS: No actions.
- o CDFW: No actions.
- NMFS: No actions.
- o DWR:
 - DWR Director issued initial SWP allocation, focused on meeting health and safety needs, with no percentage.
 - TUCP to be submitted today.
 - DWR and Reclamation to present on the TUCP at the next meeting of the SWRCB on December 7.

SWRCB:

- The TUCP informational item, in addition to the drought and hydrologic update, are on the agenda for December 7 during the upcoming Board meeting.
- There is an information item on the SWRCB's Bay-Delta planning activities on the agenda for December 8 during the Board meeting.
- A workshop is scheduled for December 15 to discuss measures to address water shortages, including developing a Term 91 like approach to curtailments.
- There will tentatively be a workshop on TUCP scheduled for the January 5, 2022 Board meeting.

• 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.

- o DWR and Reclamation to submit the 2022 TUCP to the SWRCB today.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - o Nothing in near term forecast.

• Discussion Items

o Recap of upcoming 2022 TUCP and Federal ESA compliance: Reclamation will be moving forward with a 7 (d) memo. In making the 7 (d) determination, Reclamation

will be doing a biological analysis and seeking technical assistance from USFWS and NMFS. The target date for issuing the memo is middle to end of December.

- Elevation Items
 - o No elevation items for Directors from WOMT.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 1-2 p.m.