



Water Operations Management Team Notes

December 8, 2021

Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Matt Nobriga, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Erik Ekdahl, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 12/01/2021 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 12/16
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (tentatively meets monthly on fourth Thursdays): 1/27
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 12/16
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 12/16
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 12/15
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/14
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 12/14
- 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 1 unit, targeting 800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 50 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are currently 1,500 cfs. DWR is exporting 300 cfs through Clifton Court Forebay. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 434 TAF.

- Relevant Assessments
 - 20211207 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 12/07/21 – 12/13/2021
 - 20211207 Proposed Action Assessment Final
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation: No actions.
 - FWS: No actions. Reminder of potential experimental Delta smelt release as early as next week (tentative).
 - CDFW: No actions. Reviewing the 2022 TUCP.
 - NMFS: No actions.
 - DWR: No actions.
 - SWRCB:
 - SWRCB meeting concluded today, with a great deal of public input on information update regarding Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.
 - DWR and Reclamation also provided summary of the 2022 TUCP and an update on drought planning.
 - Next week (December 15) workshop on possible alternative approaches to address water supply shortages in the Delta, including Term 91 like approach; also, possible methods for determining shortages to riparian water right holders.
 - Planning to release report a few days in advance of the workshop.
 - A SWRCB workshop on the 2022 TUCP is confirmed for January 5, 2022.
- 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.

 - DWR and Reclamation submitted the 2022 TUCP to the SWRCB on December 1.
- Hydrology Update (Reclamation and DWR)
 - Potential for pretty good, cold storm over the next several days. Potential for changes affecting operations, more likely next week.
 - Rain in the near future, with bulk of the precipitation later over the weekend. So, nothing showing up in river forecasting yet.

- Discussion Items
 - There was discussion among WOMT members about SWRCB's request for fishery agencies to provide comments on the 2022 TUCP in writing, preferably by the week of January 7, 2022; the topic will be revisited during the next WOMT meeting.
 - Also, discussion of whether WOMT meetings will be held during the last two weeks of December before Christmas and New Year's holidays, with agreement to decide at the beginning of each week whether conditions warrant convening WOMT as scheduled or if the distribution of the Proposed Action Assessment and Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook will suffice.
- Elevation Items
 - No elevation items for Directors from WOMT.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 15, 1-2 p.m.