



## Water Operations Management Team Notes

January 19, 2022

### Members Attending

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

### Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 01/12/2022 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 1/20
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (tentatively meets monthly on fourth Thursdays): 1/27
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 1/20
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 1/20
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 1/19, then 2/16
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 1/25
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 1/25
- 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 4,000 cfs (no longer encroached), and dropping to 3,500 Thursday, 1/20 and then another decrease Friday 1/21 to 3,000 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are at 200 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 5 units, targeting 4,200 cfs; Vernalis slightly under 1,000 cfs, about 922 cfs today. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 224 TAF.
  - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are currently 950 cfs. DWR is exporting 1,700 cfs through Clifton Court Forebay. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 560 TAF.

- Relevant Assessments
  - 20220118 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 1/18/22 – 1/25/2022
  - 20220118 Proposed Action Assessment Final
  
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation: No actions.
  - FWS: No actions.
  - CDFW: No actions.
  - NMFS: Reporting out on recent Reclamation action documenting exceedance forecast on San Joaquin River and doubling ramping rates for winter instability flow.
  - DWR: No actions.
  - SWRCB: No actions. Thanks to Reclamation and DWR for providing an update on the TUCP to the SWRCB (that the TUCP for February through April 2022 is pulled from consideration).
  
- 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).

  - DWR and Reclamation submitted letter to the SWRCB pulling the TUCP for the February through April 2022 period, because it was not likely to provide a storage benefit to either Shasta or Trinity reservoirs (letter available on the SWRCB's website, above).
  - DWR and Reclamation are proceeding with developing a Drought Contingency Plan for WY 2022, as required by the ITP for Long-term Operation of the SWP, to be submitted to CDFW by February 1.
  
- Hydrology Update (Reclamation and DWR)
  - Current forecast dry for the next week.
  
- Discussion Items
  - Sacramento River meet and confer: The LTO Proposed Action describes that during drier water years, Reclamation, NMFS, and other agencies, as appropriate, will meet with the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) to determine if there are any voluntary measures to be considered as part of Reclamation's operational decision making at Shasta Reservoir. Current conditions and recent discussions with the SRSCs suggest that this group should begin meeting later this month.

ACTION ITEM: Reclamation and NMFS will check in with the SRSC and report back to WOMT on scheduling the meet and confer.

- DRY Team: WOMT held further discussion about whether the DRY Team should be deactivated or remain active for WY 2022. There was agreement among WOMT members that the DRY Team should continue completing the Drought and Dry Years Action report for WY 2021. The main question in front of WOMT was whether the DRY team should reconvene for WY 2022. There was further discussion of reconvening the DRY Team if hydrologic conditions warranted it. The question will be addressed again by WOMT during the coming weeks, based on prevailing conditions.
- Elevation Items
  - WOMT did not identify any items to elevate for the Directors. However, a Directors' meeting will be held tomorrow (1/20) to discuss the topics of (1) Delta smelt and (2) Reclamation's draft Notice of Intent for Reinitiation of Section 7 Consultation on the Long-term Operation of the CVP and SWP.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 1-2 p.m.