



Water Operations Management Team Notes

February 2, 2022

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 01/26/2022 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 2/17
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (tentatively meets monthly on fourth Thursdays): 2/24
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 2/3
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 2/17
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 2/16
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 2/8
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 2/8
- 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 2,000 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are at 1,500 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit targeting 800 cfs; going to 2 units starting tomorrow, targeting 1,800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 317 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are currently 3,000 cfs; assessing the need for additional releases based on current dry conditions and operating to X2 salinity standard at Chipps Island (D1641); DWR was exporting 0 cfs through Clifton Court Forebay yesterday, with plan for a real-time change to

1,200 cfs and additional real-time changes as needed; 11,400 cfs outflow projected tomorrow. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 588 TAF.

- Relevant Assessments
 - 20220201 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 2/01/22 – 2/8/2022
 - 20220201 Proposed Action Assessment Final
 - ITP SaMT Risk Assessment Summary 1 Feb 2022 DRAFT
 - ITP SMT Risk Assessment Summary 1 Feb 2022 DRAFT

- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - Initial determination on “Shasta Critical Year” will be on February 15.
 - Working to finalize the LTO Annual Report for WY 2021; final copy will be distributed, then another 2-3 weeks for posting online.
 - FWS: Per Directors’ decision last Thursday, another experimental release of 6,400 marked adult Delta smelt is planned for tomorrow in the Deepwater Ship Channel.
 - CDFW: No actions.
 - NMFS:
 - The Livingston Stone agency technical team met and will be recommending, due to low winter-run Chinook salmon survival this year and continuing drought conditions, to increase adult collection goals by doubling female collection and increasing male collection by 50%. This goal can be adjusted back to normal collection goals if conditions change.
 - A kick-off for the meet and confer with the federal agencies and Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) as part of the LTO Proposed Action was held yesterday; agreed to work through process on the meet and confer to make sure there was alignment with the SRSC approved resolution and avoid confusion with discussions being held in other groups.
 - DWR:
 - The Drought Contingency Plan for WY 2022 was due to CDFW yesterday (2/1) as a requirement of the SWP Incidental Take Permit; however, it is taking a few more days to finalize language in the plan and will be submitted Friday (2/4).
 - The Drought and Dry Year Action Report, developed by the DRY Team, will also be submitted to CDFW on Friday to satisfy the ITP requirement for DWR to report on the drought actions employed during WY 2021.

- DWR forecast is coming out Tuesday (2/8), which may see a change in water year type.
 - SWRCB: Curtailments are being reimposed as conditions remain dry.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Dry for the next couple of weeks. No strong signal that dry conditions will continue after February 18.
- Discussion Items
 - DRY Team: Following up on continued activation of the DRY Team for WY 2022, as agreed by WOMT last week (1/26), Cindy Meyer, Reclamation, requested further direction on what the charge for the DRY Team should be moving forward.
 - Action Item: WOMT members will consider specific charge to provide direction for DRY Team during WY 2022.
- Elevation Items
 - WOMT did not identify any items to elevate for the Directors. However, a Directors' meeting will be held tomorrow (2/3) to discuss the LTO Consultation and provide updates on the Delta smelt experimental release and timing for completion of the Drought Contingency Plan.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 1-2 p.m.