



Water Operations Management Team Notes

February 16, 2022

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 02/09/2022 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): 2/17
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 2/17
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 3/16
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 2/22
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 2/22
- 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 900 cfs, reducing to 800 cfs on Thursday (2/17). Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 2 units targeting 1,700 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 331 TAF.
 - Folsom releases will be made through the new emergency spillway over the next two weeks, starting this Friday (2/18), due to maintenance; making releases through the new spillway, rather than through the power plant, allows access to water at higher elevation, which is warmer and may possibly save cold water for fish for later in the year.

- SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are at 3,500 cfs; DWR is exporting 600 cfs through Clifton Court Forebay. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 593 TAF.
- ITP Condition 8.12, restricting Barker Slough Pumping Plant to a maximum 7-day average diversion of less than 60 cfs, has been triggered due to larval longfin smelt (LFS) being detected in survey at Station 716; DWR has notified the North Bay Aqueduct contractors; diversions have averaged about 45 cfs over the past week.
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20220215 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 2/15/22 – 2/22/2022
 - 20220215 Proposed Action Assessment Final
 - ITP SaMT Risk Assessment Summary 15 Feb 2022 DRAFT
 - ITP SMT Risk Assessment Summary 15 Feb 2022 DRAFT
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - Allocations going out on February 23 and will be accompanied by a press release and several meetings.
 - Continuing meet and confer meetings with the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC), focusing on the three items included in the resolution, none of which may be available options for much longer as dry conditions continue.
 - FWS: Fifth and final experimental release of approximately 9,000 Delta smelt being made this week, over two days (2/16 and 2/17), bringing the total number of experimentally released Delta smelt to about 54,000 individuals for the first year of releases.
 - CDFW: No actions.
 - NMFS: No actions. Reported out on discussion from Stanislaus River Watershed Team on coordinating with fish agencies and Reclamation on shaping release out of Goodwin Dam to provide flow fluctuations for fish.
 - DWR: No actions.
 - SWRCB:
 - Notice going out soon for upcoming Sacramento River temperature workshop to be held on March 16. The workshop will have a panel format, with panels organized by topic and including both agency and stakeholder representation on each panel.

- Adopted order on reconsideration of the 2021 TUCP and Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan, which includes a requirement for monthly updates from Reclamation and DWR.
- Preparing letter on response to flow shaping on the Stanislaus River in reference to D1641 requirements.
- Hydrology Update (Reclamation and DWR)
 - No significant precipitation in forecast; only trace amount of rain focused between I-80 and I-50 corridors next week.
 - Absent some precipitation in February, we are on track to have the driest January-February period on record.
 - Full natural inflow into Shasta, Oroville, and Folsom tracking along the 99% exceedance from the February 1 Bulletin 120 water supply forecast. March forecast will be very telling. Snowpack is about 70% of normal, similar to where we were last year.
 - DWR has partnered with Airborne Snow Observatories (ASO) to fly the Feather River watershed for snowpack. The ASO information will provide additional information on the special distribution of the snowpack within the basin.
- Discussion Items
 - Drought Relief Year (DRY) Team direction for WY 22: No additional discussion; will revisit next week.
 - Action Item: WOMT members will review the LTO Implementation Team Charter for the DRY Team.
- Elevation Items
 - No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 23, 1-2 p.m.