



Water Operations Management Team Notes

February 23, 2022

Members Attending

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

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 02/16/2022 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 3/17
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (tentatively meets monthly on fourth Thursdays): 2/24
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 3/3
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 3/17
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 3/16
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 3/1
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 3/1
- 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 800 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit targeting 800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 330 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases have steadily increased over last several days to 4,500 cfs today (2/23); DWR is exporting 0 cfs at Banks Pumping Plant today through Friday, to meet 11,400 cfs outflow at Chipps Island (D1641). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 923 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments

- 20220222 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 2/22/22 – 2/29/2022
- 20220222 Proposed Action Assessment Final
- SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 22 Feb 2022 DRAFT
- DRAFT SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 22 Feb 2022
- Discussion of Assessments: Longfin smelt are reported as detections; assessments refer to Delta smelt detections primarily as assumptions. However, with the presence of experimentally released Delta smelt in the system, they should be noted as detections.
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - Allocations went out today (2/23) and were accompanied by a press release and several meetings. Generally, allocations are 0% for agricultural and 25% for municipal and industrial (M&I) uses.
 - The next biweekly transfer meeting will be held on Friday (2/25) and all agencies are invited.
 - Continuing meet and confer with the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC); met on Tuesday (2/22), focusing on the three items included in the resolution, none of which may be available options for much longer as dry conditions continue:
 - Delaying delivery from April to May, for rice only; however, it is unclear how much rice will be planted this year.
 - Analyzing delivery of transfer water; however, this is on hold to see if there will be transfers.
 - Shaping water deliveries for rice decomposition (decomp) to reduce Chinook salmon redd dewatering; however, there is a question about whether there will be any rice decomp water this year.
 - FWS: No actions.
 - CDFW: No actions.
 - NMFS: No actions.
 - DWR: No actions. Reports to SWRCB to meet new Temporary Urgency Change Order (TUCO) conditions due by Mar 1, will be submitted.
 - SWRCB:
 - Notice went out last week for upcoming Sacramento River Temperature Management Considerations workshop to be held on March 16.

- Dates have changed in final conditions from revised TUCO, which the SWRCB adopted last week.
- Hydrology Update (Reclamation and DWR)
 - Currently on track to have the driest January-February period in more than 100 years.
 - DWR's Bulletin 120 update from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15 shows a total decrease in projected annual inflow to Shasta, Oroville, Folsom, and New Melones reservoirs of 1.2 million acre-feet.
- Discussion Items
 - Drought Relief Year (DRY) Team direction for WY 22.
 - Discussion of interest in having the DRY Team work on prioritizing actions included in the 2021 Drought and Dry Year Actions report.
 - Interested in hearing recommendations from the DRY Team on actions that they want WOMT support in implementing.
- Elevation Items
 - No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 1-2 p.m.