



Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 13, 2022

Members Attending

Kristin White, Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Acting: Brooke Jacobs, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 04/06/2022 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Shasta Planning Group (meets weekly on Fridays): 4/15
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 6/16
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meeting weekly during April):
4/14
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 4/21
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 4/21
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 4/20
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/19
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/19

- Operational Updates

CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are 300 cfs, starting pulse flow on April 15 (up to 6,000 cfs) through mid-May. Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) releases are 200 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 3,250 cfs. Nimbus (American River) releases are 1,000 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are at 200 cfs, starting pulse flow on April 18 (up to 1,250 cfs) through May 18. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit targeting 900 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 342 TAF.

SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are at 1,100 cfs, reducing to 900 cfs today and to 800 cfs tomorrow. DWR is exporting 600 cfs at Banks Pumping Plant. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 589 TAF.

- Relevant Assessments
 - 20220412 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 4/12/22 – 4/18/2022
 - Identifies adult fall-run in the Delta and it should be spring-run.
 - A revised outlook will be distributed correcting the typo.
 - 20220412 Proposed Action Assessment Final
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 12 Apr 2022 DRAFT
 - An email will be going out to SaMT notifying that the daily loss threshold for winter-run in ITP Condition 8.6.3 was exceeded.
 - DRAFT SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 12 Apr 2022
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - Working on completing the Final Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan by May 2.
 - FWS:
 - No actions.
 - CDFW:
 - No actions.
 - NMFS:
 - No actions.
 - DWR:
 - Last Friday (4/8), DWR Division of Flood Management issued Bulletin 120 for April, identifying that the drought deficiency clause was triggered in the Feather River settlement contracts; therefore, DWR notified the Feather River Settlement Contractors that their deliveries would be reduced by 50% this season.
 - SWRCB:
 - SWRCB meeting on Tuesday April 19 to discuss the TUCP, draft Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan, and drought update.
 - Monday, April 18, the SWRCB is tentatively planning on issuing an updated Water Unavailability Methodology used for curtailments and draft proposed changes to emergency regulations for curtailments and a notice of a public workshop on both to be held on May 12.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)

- Rain in the forecast through next Tuesday (4/19); potentially 4-6 inches in the northern Sierra, which would exceed the average for April (and the entire amount of precipitation received during the January-March 2022 period). And there will possibly be more precipitation later next week.
- TUCP/TUCO & Drought Updates

Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP), TUC Order WR 2022-0095 (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 will present at the next SWRCB meeting on April 19, including a hydrology update, explanation of what was requested in the April-June 2022 TUCP, what could be requested in the next TUCP, an overview of the draft Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan, and a description of general drought planning and drought actions.
- Discussion Items
 - No additional discussion items.
- Elevation Items
 - No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, April 20, 1-2 p.m.