



Water Operations Management Team Notes

April 27, 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 04/20/2022 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Shasta Planning Group (meets weekly on Fridays): rescheduled to 4/29
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 6/16
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meeting weekly during April):
4/28
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 5/5
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 4/28
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 5/18
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 5/3
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 5/3
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are 2,000 cfs (pulse flow began on April 15). 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 750 cfs (pulse flow began on April 18). Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit targeting 900 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 354 TAF.
 - Inflows are coming out ahead of April 1 projections: 120 TAF over inflows that were projected for Folsom reservoir and 20-25 TAF over what was projected for

Shasta and New Melones reservoirs. Above-projected inflows at Folsom reservoir could last into May.

- SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are at 800 cfs. DWR is exporting 600 cfs at Banks Pumping Plant. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 592 TAF.
- Inflows into Lake Oroville are a couple of hundred-thousand-acre feet above early April projections. Storage in Oroville reservoir is at 1.86 MAF; still gaining in storage into first week of May.
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20220426 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 4/26/22 – 5/2/2022
 - 20220426 Proposed Action Assessment Final
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 26 Apr 2022 DRAFT
 - DRAFT SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 26 Apr 2022
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - Final Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan will be submitted on Monday (5/2), directly to NMFS, in response to the IOP, and to SWRCB, in a separate submittal.
 - FWS:
 - No actions.
 - CDFW:
 - No actions.
 - NMFS:
 - No actions.
 - DWR:
 - Finalizing the joint DWR and Reclamation update to the Drought Contingency Plan; it will be submitted to CDFW and circulated to the WOMET agencies on Friday (4/29); it also includes Condition 3 items that were part of February order on reconsideration of the 2021 TUCP, so will be submitted to SWRCB as well.
 - SWRCB:
 - Reminder that on April 19, the updated Water Unavailability Methodology and draft proposed changes to emergency regulations for curtailments were released along with a notice of a public workshop on both to be held on May

12. The comment period on the updated Water Unavailability Methodology and draft proposed changes to emergency regulations for curtailments closes on May 19.

- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Nothing in near-term forecast; not seeing strong signals that there will be no precipitation in May.
- TUCP/TUCO & Drought Updates
 - 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.
 - Potential for another TUCP later in the year: DWR and Reclamation said that conditions are better than they were a month ago with respect to inflows and accretions, but it is not clear yet whether another TUCP will be needed. The May 1 forecast will be helpful in deciding because, among other information, it will provide an idea of what the depletions will be in the reservoirs.
- Discussion Items
 - No additional discussion items.
- Elevation Items
 - No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 4, 1-2 p.m.