



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

May 18, 2022

## Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Garwin Yip, Josh Grover, Diane Riddle

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 05/11/22 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Shasta Planning Group (meets weekly on Fridays): 5/20
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 6/16
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (tentatively meets monthly on fourth Thursdays):  
5/26
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 5/19
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 5/19
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 5/18 then 6/15
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 5/24
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 5/24
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are 450 cfs (pulse flow ended May 15). Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) releases are 200 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 3,500 cfs. Nimbus (American River) releases are 1,500 cfs. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) releases are at 500 cfs (pulse flow ended May 18). Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit targeting 900 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 351 TAF.
  - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are at 2,200 cfs. DWR is exporting 600 cfs at Banks Pumping Plant. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 588 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments

- 20220517 Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 5/17/22 – 5/23/2022
- 20220517 Proposed Action Assessment Final
- SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 17 May 2022 DRAFT
- DRAFT SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 17 May 2022
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation:
    - Reminder that Reclamation and DWR are to present at SWRCB on Tuesday. Including need for another TUCP.
  - FWS:
    - No actions.
  - CDFW:
    - No actions.
  - NMFS:
    - No actions.
  - DWR:
    - No actions.
  - SWRCB:
    - Comments due on the Draft Delta Curtailment Regulation and associated Water Unavailability Methodology May 19. Granted extension to DWR to early next week.
    - Term 91 curtailments likely to come into effect soon. Plan to send out advanced notice early next week.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
  - No update.
- 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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/tucp/index.html).
  - TUCO conditions 3 and 5 submittals on track for next week.

- At this point, DWR and Reclamation are not expecting to need an additional TUCP for 2022.
- Discussion Items
  - Vernalis flows pursuant to the TUCP/TUCO: NMFS requested clarity as to whether Footnote 12 of D-1641 (requiring that the 7-day running average San Joaquin River flow at Vernalis be no lower than 20% below the monthly average) was relaxed as part of the TUCO. Reclamation noted that the TUCO does not indicate that Footnote 12 is in effect, and as such Reclamation does not believe the footnote is in effect. However, Reclamation noted that flows are unlikely to dip very low because there is the same average flow requirement for June under D-1641. The SWRCB will follow up to clarify.
  - Shasta Operations: Condition 4 of the SWRCB's conditional approval of the Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan requires that Reclamation consult weekly on real time conditions related to temperature management. Since the Shasta Planning Group doesn't always meet weekly, Reclamation proposed addressing the weekly consultation during WOMT. However, the agency reps to the Shasta Planning Group are not the same as the WOMT reps for all of the agencies. It was proposed that the consultation be a standing agenda item at WOMT and to use WOMT meetings to meet the weekly consultation requirement only when the Shasta Planning Group is cancelled.
  - Sacramento River Temperature Management (real time conditions): first gate change (1 Pressure Relief Gate opened) yesterday (5/17), a week later than modeled, to maintain 58 degrees F daily average temperature during the heat wave.
- Elevation Items
  - No items to elevate to the Directors.

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 25, 1-2 p.m.