



Water Operations Management Team Notes

June 8, 2022

Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Matt Nobriga, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Josh Grover, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 06/1/22 Meeting Notes: Approved.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Shasta Planning Group (meets weekly on Fridays): 6/10
 - 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):
6/9
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 6/16
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 6/16
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 6/15
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 6/14
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 6/14
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Lewiston (Trinity River) releases are 450 cfs. Whiskeytown (Clear Creek) releases are 150 cfs. Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 4,000 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 900 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 322 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are at 3,000 cfs and will be increasing to 3,500 cfs tomorrow (6/9). DWR planned exports are 300 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 570 TAF.

- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 6/7/22 – 6/13/2022
 - 20220607 Proposed Action Assessment Final
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary for 7 June 2022 DRAFT
 - DRAFT SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary 7 June 2022
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - Reclamation and, particularly, the Central Valley Office (CVO) are starting to look at contingencies for severe power emergencies in two ways: first, a state emergency, but not a Reclamation emergency (i.e., how will Reclamation respond if a neighboring system has a power crisis) and second, if Reclamation is having a power crisis as well. Planning will focus on looking at priorities and how Reclamation will be evaluating changes to and/or restoring operations within those priorities.
 - FWS:
 - No actions.
 - CDFW:
 - No actions.
 - NMFS:
 - No actions.
 - DWR:
 - Per ITP and NMFS BiOp term and condition, DWR is providing a two-week notification for herbicide application in Clifton Court Forebay (CCF). The next herbicide treatment is scheduled for June 28; gates will be closed before and after treatment, closing on June 27 and reopening at midnight on June 30. DWR will follow up with an email describing the planned herbicide application and its consistency with the Proposed Action.
 - SWRCB:
 - Issued curtailment notices yesterday (6/7) that are effective today (6/8), primarily for the San Joaquin River basin.
 - Planning for release of potential revisions to methodology and draft proposed emergency regulations between June 20 and 27; draft proposed emergency regulations will be available for public comment.
 - Considering readoption of emergency regulations at SWRCB meeting on July 20.

- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Heat wave coming in overnight and lasting for 3 days, focused on center of State.
 - Slight chance of rain in northern Sacramento Valley next weekend starting on June 17.

- 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.
 - Reclamation and DWR on track for upcoming submittals over next week or so.
 - SWRCB planning to reach out on some conditions, including what analyses are to be done for future TUCPs.

- Discussion Items
 - Should WOMT continue meeting weekly after OMR management offramps in ITP and BiOps are met? DWR noted that in WY 2021, WOMT continued meeting weekly, after offramps in the ITP and BiOps were met. CDFW suggested that it would be nice to slow down the meeting frequency, maybe monthly or schedule as necessary, particularly with the amount of the work on the LTO consultation anticipated for this summer. The question will be revisited during next week's WOMT meeting.

 - Sacramento River Temperature Management (real time conditions): The Shasta Planning Group will meet this Friday (6/10) to cover the weekly consultation update. Keswick releases are at 4,000 cfs (below 4,500 cfs monthly average in the Temperature Management Plan); still watching conditions; successful in getting temp to 54 °F a couple days earlier than planned (current target is 54.5 °F) and it was even dropping below 54 °F yesterday. However, that won't last with the coming heat wave.

- Elevation Items
 - No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, June 15, 1-2 p.m.