



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

November 16, 2022

## Members Attending

- USBR: Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Evan Sawyer (Acting)
- DWR: Mike Ford (Acting)
- SWRCB: Matt Holland (Acting)

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of November 9, 2022, Meeting Notes: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Shasta Planning Group: not currently meeting
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): 12/8
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursdays): 2/23
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 11/17
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 11/17
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): Met this morning, will meet next on 12/21
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/22
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/22
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity River releases at 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are at 3,400 cfs by tomorrow, reducing to 3,250 cfs by Saturday. Clear Creek releases

are 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are 1,300 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) flows are at 200 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 2 units targeting 1,800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 185 TAF.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 1,800 cfs. Exports at Clifton Court are 500 cfs today and expected to hold for next couple of days. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 326 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
  - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 11/15/22 – 11/21/2022
  - 20221115 Proposed Action Assessment
  - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 11/15/2022
  - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 11/15/2022
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - FWS:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - CDFW:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - NMFS:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - DWR:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - SWRCB:
    - The Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers Working Groups meeting next Monday to discuss Biological Goals.
  - Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
    - No rain predicted in the next several days, maybe some rain next Monday, but too early to tell if it will be a significant event.
  - TUCP/TUCO & Drought Updates
    - Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP), TUC Order (TUCO), and related documents (including information reported by Reclamation and DWR) are available on the [Water Board website](#)
    - No updates.

- Discussion Items
  - SWRCB asked for clarification regarding the brief mention of water quality issues in December during yesterday's SaMT/SMT Operations call. Reclamation clarified that there is a potential for salinity issues with DCC gates closed in December if dry conditions continue, which could require opening DCC gates. There is currently no change proposed, but it is something to watch.
- Elevation Items
  - No items to elevate to the Directors.

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, November 23, 1-1:50 p.m. (Note that this is the day before a holiday and there may be limited participation. May cancel if no issues raised or recommendations from SaMT/SMT.)