



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

November 29, 2022

## Members Attending

- USBR: Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Garwin Yip
- DWR: Molly White
- SWRCB: Diane Riddle, Matt Holland

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of November 16, 2022, Meeting Notes: Approved
  - Meeting on November 23 was cancelled.
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/29
  - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 11/29
  - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 12/1
  - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 12/15
  - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 12/21
  - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 12/8
  - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: 2/23
  - Shasta Planning Group: not currently meeting
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: All flows are at minimum. Trinity River releases at 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are at 3,250 cfs. 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 1 unit targeting 800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 190 TAF.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 1,400 cfs. Exports at Clifton Court Forebay are 300 cfs today and expected to hold for next couple of days. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 325 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
  - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 11/29/22 – 12/05/2022
  - 20221129 Proposed Action Assessment
  - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 11/29/2022
  - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 11/29/2022
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - FWS:
    - Experimental release of cultured Delta Smelt is happening this week (should be completed by this afternoon). There will be approximately 12,800 cultured Delta Smelt released at Rio Vista. The fish are split into groups for both hard (direct) and soft (pen) releases. All fish were tagged. This is the first of three releases planned for this year.
  - CDFW:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - NMFS:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - DWR:
    - Tomorrow, Dec 1, DWR's Director will be issuing the initial SWP allocation for 2023.
    - The December 1 water supply index will be issued on Dec 8. This index will be based on precipitation to date, with no snowpack measurements.
  - SWRCB:
    - No actions. No discussion items.
  - Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
    - Two winter storms coming: (1) Wednesday–Thursday and (2) this weekend. They will be fairly cold storms, so we are not expecting much runoff or inflow to the Delta. The mountains will get snow, and the valley

will get rain and cold temperatures with wind. The second storm is predicted to last through Sunday, and very cold temperatures are expected in the Valley through Monday and Tuesday.

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

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, December 7, 1-1:50 p.m.