



Water Operations Management Team Notes

January 4, 2023

Members Attending

- USBR: Kristin White, Liz Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Brooke Jacobs, Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Howard Brown, Barb Byrne (Acting)
- DWR: Mike Ford (Acting)
- SWRCB: Diane Riddle, Matt Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of December 14, 2022, Meeting Notes: Approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 1/10
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 1/10
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 1/5
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 1/19
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 1/18
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 3/16
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: 2/23
 - Shasta Planning Group: not currently meeting
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River releases are at 300 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases are at 3,250 cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) releases are at 200 cfs. American River (Nimbus) releases are at 25,000 cfs and expected to continue through the next series of storms. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) releases are at 400 cfs and may

increase depending on flood releases from Tulloch Dam. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 4 units targeting 3,600 cfs and plans to hold constant while the state ramps up and down for OMR management. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 285 TAF.

Note: Releases at Keswick Dam may increase based on increased local inflow to Keswick but forecasts are uncertain.. NWS is predicting 12-18 inches of rain and 500 TAF into Shasta over the next week.

- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 950 cfs. Exports from Clifton Court Forebay inflow are targeting 3,400 cfs and scheduled to go to 2,300 cfs tomorrow. Oroville storage is 1,365 TAF. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 447 TAF.

Note: Wet weather pattern triggered "first flush" on 12/31, and SWP began implementing 14-day OMR management response on 1/3. Exports will be following SJR flow at Vernalis to maintain OMR no more negative than -2,000 cfs through 1/16.

- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 1/3/23 – 1/9/2023
 - 20230103 Proposed Action Assessment
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 1/3/2023
 - SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary dated 1/3/2023
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - FWS:
 - First flush triggered on 12/31, requiring OMR management no more negative than -2,000 cfs or 14 days.
 - Will be meeting this week to discuss whether to continue experimental releases of Delta Smelt given high flows.
 - CDFW:
 - ITP Condition 8.6.3 for salmon daily loss was triggered on 1/1, which would result in 5 days at -3,500 cfs. Because first flush was also triggered and is more limiting, Condition 8.6.3 is not controlling.
 - NMFS:
 - The Draft Winter-run JPE recommendation was received on 12/30 and forecasts 44,690 natural-origin Brood Year 2022 juvenile winter-run Chinook salmon entering the Delta.

- DWR:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
- SWRCB:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - California is receiving a series of atmospheric rivers, and it appears that the wet pattern will continue. Reclamation reminded everyone that they are in flood operations with a potential for emergency operations, which may require quick actions to prevent loss of life and property.
- Discussion Items
 - No discussion items.

Elevation Items

- No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 1-1:50 p.m.