



Water Operations Management Team Notes

October 12, 2022

Members Attending

- USBR: Liz Kiteck, Mario Manzo
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Barb Byrne
- DWR: Mike Ford
- SWRCB: Matt Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the previous Meeting Notes: No meeting.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Shasta Planning Group (meets weekly on Fridays): not currently meeting
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday of the month): met 9/15
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (meets monthly on fourth Thursdays): 10/27; SRTTG Update Meeting on 10/13
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly on first and third Thursdays): 10/20
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 10/20
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 10/19
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): 10/18
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (meets weekly on Tuesdays): First WY 2023 Meeting 11/1

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Keswick (Sacramento River) releases are at 4,100 cfs; will drop to 4,000 cfs today and 3,900 on Friday. Nimbus (American River) releases are 1,500 and will drop to 1,400 cfs on Friday. Goodwin (Stanislaus River) pulse flow starts today through early November, with 3 peaks up to 1200 cfs scheduled. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 1 unit targeting 900 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 227 TAF. DCC gates closed Monday to Friday, open Friday to Monday. Keswick and Nimbus releases both dropped 100 cfs each because Delta WQ expected to be helped by Stanislaus pulse flows.
 - SWP: Oroville-Thermalito Complex (Feather River) releases are at 2,500, reduce to 2400 cfs on Thursday. DWR planned exports are 500 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 327 TAF. October 24-26 zero Delta pumping due to herbicide treatment.
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook 10/11/22 – 10/17/2022
 - FINAL 20221011 Proposed Action Assessment
 - No SaMT ITP Risk Assessment
 - No SMT ITP Risk Assessment
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - FWS:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - CDFW:
 - No actions. No discussion items.
 - NMFS:
 - Friday Oct 7 –NMFS, with the support of CDFW and USFWS, submitted to Reclamation a request for Power Bypass on the American River beginning Oct 20 to provide improved water temperatures for fall-run spawning and egg incubation. Reclamation is expected to respond within 2 weeks, consistent with past years.
 - DWR:
 - Herbicide treatment October 25-26 (no pumping October 24-26). USFWS received notice and has it in their queue to review. NMFS also expects to review.

- SWRCB:
 - No action items
- Hydrology Update (DWR and Reclamation)
 - Hot and dry, maybe a little rain in a week or two.
- 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.
 - SWRCB notified some of curtailments this week.
 - CDFW asked for clarification about TUCO Condition 7(D) draft report that was due October 1 would be sent to all agencies or just SWRCB. Matt Holland responded that he is unsure of status, but will check and get back to the group. Once received, reports are posted publicly on TUCP website.
- Discussion Items
 - No items for discussion.
- Elevation Items
 - No items to elevate to the Directors.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 19, 1-1:50 p.m.