



Stanislaus Watershed Team (SWT)

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Members Attending

- Attorney Offices: Tom Johnson
- CDFW: Gretchen Murphey, Steve Tsao, Crystal Rigby, Ryan Kok, Travis Apgar
- Cramer Fish Sciences: Jesse Anderson
- DWR: John Ford
- FISHBIO: Jason Guignard
- NMFS: Paula Higginson, Carrie Skorcz
- PSMFC: Logan Day, Hunter Morris
- SSJID: Brandon Nakagawa
- Stockton East Water District (SEWD): N/A
- SWRCB: Yongxuan Gao, Chris Carr
- Reclamation: Peggy Manza, Mechele Pacheco, Brian Willard, Spencer Marshall, Oliver Burgess, Zarela Guerrero
- USFWS: Erika Holcombe, Craig Anderson
- WAPA: N/A
- Kearns & West: Mia Schiappi, Brita Romans
- Other: Lilliana Selke

Action Items

- **Mechele** to reach out to BDO regarding restoration obligations in the new LTO.
- **Tom Johnson** to continue conversation and coordination offline with Erika regarding multi-tributary flow planning for juvenile outmigration.

- **Gretchen** to bring draft spring flow plans to the March SWT meeting.
- **Zarela** to check and see if Carolyn Bragg will be permanent point of contact for Tortuga and other restoration projects and if she should join SWT meetings. (complete)

Announcements

- Gretchen Murphey wanted to confirm that any failure to deliver emails (bounces) had been resolved.

Operations Updates and Forecasts/Hydrology

Mechele Pacheco, Reclamation Central Valley Office (CVO), provided the latest forecast and implications for the Stanislaus River system and reported on current hydrologic conditions including flows. Mechele presented the information contained in the meeting packet shared with the SWT.

New Melones

- As of 2/12/2026, New Melones storage measured 1.780 million acre-feet (MAF) with an elevation of 1,031.64 acre-feet (AF), which is 121% of the 15-year average, a lower percentage than January.
- As of 2/12/2026, New Melones accumulated inflow measured 268,000 AF, which is 97% of 15-year average, a lower percentage than January.
- New Melones had higher releases to support higher flows in February with releases of 20,630 AF as of 2/12/2026, with an annual total of 18.29 inches of precipitation to date as of 2/12/2026, which is 116% of average.
- Releases were kept at minimum in January due to Tulloch encroachment. 1/13/2026 - 1/16/2026 New Melones had releases due to power generation schedule which increased Tulloch storage temporarily.
- January total releases were 7,394 AF with 4.54 inches of precipitation for the month and an annual total of 17.73 inches.

Tulloch

- Tulloch was reported as encroached due to recent storms.

Goodwin

- Total releases for January 2026 were measured at 21,291 AF. Higher releases occurred at Goodwin for Tulloch encroachment and maintenance activities.
- The first few days of February had higher releases with a Vernalis requirement of 2,280 cfs; therefore, releases had to increase to 1,000 cfs out of Goodwin.

- As of 2/12/2026, Goodwin releases measured at 276 cfs. 2/12/2026 was the last day of elevated flows to meet Vernalis requirements before decreasing down to minimum flows.
- On 2/12/2026, the B-120 and WSI release updated the San Joaquin index to a critical water year, which reduced Vernalis requirement to 1,140 cfs. Flows were reduced on 2/11/2026 and 2/12/2026 before decreasing to minimum flows at 200 cfs.
- Schedule for winter instability flows was scheduled to start at 5pm on 2/19/2026. However, due to Tulloch encroachment with higher inflows than expected on 2/17/2026, a change order was submitted to increase flows starting on 2/18/2026 up to 1,000 cfs. Flows will likely need to remain elevated, holding 400 cfs for the ramped decrease. Flows may need to be held higher than 400 cfs, but will be reevaluated as storms continue to come in.

Forecast

- March Vernalis requirement will be based off critical San Joaquin index, which will depend on number of Chipps days. For the 90% forecast, we estimate 10 chips per day, for the 50% forecast, it would be 31 days with a Vernalis flow requirement of 1140 cfs. There is a range of where the requirement might be, and the exact requirement is unknown until the end of the month.

Discussion

- CDFW asked about looking into where the gauge for Goodwin is located.
 - Reclamation CVO responded that it is unclear specifically where it is just downstream of the dam, but received clarification that it will always report as spill no matter where the flow is coming from because there is no power generation at Goodwin. Reclamation CVO further clarified that the water going over the top (spill) is controlled by how much is released from upstream. Because the way HAR (database) handles the outlet versus spill, outlet is power generation and spill is everything else.
- CDFW asked for the 50% estimate, how many Chipps days was that?
 - Reclamation CVO responded that one was 10 days and one was 31 days.

Water Temperature Updates

- Paula Higginson, NMFS, provided an update that water temperatures are within the normal range, below 54° F. Goodwin Canyon temperature was reported as stable with a positive outlook.

Flow Planning

Winter Instability Flow Planning

Peggy Manza, Reclamation CVO, and Gretchen Murphey, CDFW shared and discussed the plans for developing and circulating the Winter Instability Flow Plan to the SWT.

- Gretchen Murphey reflected that the timing of the storm was convenient and expressed appreciation for the way Reclamation CVO modified the schedule to deal with encroachment.
- Gretchen proposed to come to next month's meeting with a draft spring pulse schedule next month for dry potentially also critical and below normal water year types.

Discussion

San Joaquin Flow Planning for Juvenile Migration

Tom Johnson, Independent Restoration Administrator for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP), provided historical context. The San Joaquin River Settlement was signed by DOI on behalf of Reclamation in 2005, and that was followed by the Settlement Act passed by Congress in 2009. It is targeted towards the restoration of Salmonids on the San Joaquin River, upstream of Merced. The settlement area is from Fresno to the Merced confluence, 153 miles total, resulting in time delays and temperature challenges. The settlement called for an independent restoration administrator selected by non-federal settling parties, appointed by the court, which is Tom. Tom acts as Watermaster for about 20-25% of flows in the San Joaquin River. Johnson has a book of rules that he operates to, which were developed and approved by the non-federal and federal settling parties, he consults with technical advisory committee.

Johnson provided an update on relevant activities, noting last year was the biggest return of Spring-run Chinook that has ever been seen in California from the San Joaquin restoration program. There was a total of just under 400 fish caught in the lower reaches of the San Joaquin. He estimated a return of this size was due to a combination of big outflows in 2023 and closing of ocean fisheries for a couple of years. The restoration goal requires the restoration of a standalone independent self-propagating Spring-run Chinook population.

The hope for engaging with the SWT is to see if they can try a couple of different flow coordination exercises that may allow for more Spring-run Chinook to come back to the San Joaquin and not stray to the Stanislaus. Based on coded wire tags from SJRRP fish, they've been found throughout the central valley tributaries including on the Sacramento River, Feather River hatchery, and the Mokelumne River.

USFWS mentioned discussion within USFWS about the need for coordination between tributaries especially after such a big return last year. She stated there's probably a need for a separate smaller group to meet outside of the SWT, more focused on flow planning with folks from the Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Restoration Program.

Gretchen noted the San Joaquin Fishery Agency Technical Team (SJFAT) potential to reconvene, with a potential name change.

Tom will need to make a recommendation around March 20 for April and May flows and suggested a timeline for the next 4 to 5 weeks to put thoughts together with the group.

CDFW asked what would be optimal if there were no constraints.

- Tom responded that he would initiate a larger pulse that would hit the Merced confluence around May 1 and then taper off after the middle of May. This would allow Reclamation to operate as needed February through April. A steeply glided slope and close to minimum flows by the end of April would continue to help fish move out of the system.

CDFW noted that they see juvenile outmigration in wet years all the way through June, definitely through May in everything except critical years. Trying to be down to base flows by early May may not move all fish out.

Tom responded that because dams on the Stanislaus River are closer to the main stem, a couple of days of pulse flows will not be sufficient, and it needs to be a couple of weeks or longer to make it all the way down to 150 miles from the Restoration area.

USFWS recommended that conversation needs to continue in tandem with data review through a more focused group. The Tuolumne River has a different set of regulations because of their FERC license so they can't start pulse flows before April 15.

CDFW requested that once Tom has a proposal for the SJR, CDFW would like to add it to the flow planning spreadsheet so that everything is together.

Stanislaus River Forum (SRF)

- The SRF met in February and did not receive any questions or have any issues raised during the meeting.
- The SRF will meet again in three months.
- CDFW inquired about the goal for quarterly meetings.
 - Reclamation CCAO answered that attendees receive handouts monthly, so if they have any questions they are able to call and ask. Reclamation CCAO recommended presenting the same single month info for SWT but opening discussion on any questions from the previous months, operations, and anything significant that occurred.
 - The next quarterly meeting should briefly discuss the WIF since it is a major operation.

Fish Monitoring

CDFW Fish Monitoring

Gretchen Murphey, CDFW, provided updates on current CDFW fish monitoring operations and results.

Chinook salmon carcass and redd surveys

- CDFW has completed adult monitoring surveys for 2025. CDFW produced a preliminary fall run estimate of 5,798 fish, and a preliminary spring run estimate of 155 fish.
 - CDFW noted that a portion of the Stanislaus River with potential holding but no known spawning habitat is not accessible to surveyors, so there is potential that there were additional Spring-run Chinook in that stretch.

Juvenile Fish Monitoring (Mossdale trawl)

- Mossdale Trawl has been operated jointly by CDFW and USFWS since January 2026.
- The first Chinook salmon of the season was captured on 1/5/2026 and so far seven Chinook salmon have been captured to date.

Discussion

USFWS asked if joint operations will cease, resulting in USFWS eventually taking over Mossdale Trawl completely.

- CDFW recommended Erika Holcombe to ask outside and bring this question back up next month if there is still no answer.
 - CDFW proposed that if/when USFWS is solely operating the trawl that USFWS should provide those updates to SWT.

FISHBIO Updates

Jason Guignard, FISHBIO, provided updates on weir monitoring operations and results.

- FISHBIO reported that weir passage has been fairly low for all salmonids in the past month.
- As of 1/19/2026, a total of 7,999 adult Chinook salmon have passed upstream of the Stanislaus River weir.
- 11 O. mykiss have been observed passing the Stanislaus River weir as of 1/19/2026, ten of which were adipose fin clipped.

PSMFC Updates

- Logan Day shared that PSMFC has not received funding for the 2026 rotary screw trap sampling season, and they have been directed to hold off on field operations until funding has been received.
- No estimated date has been provided for when funding for 2026 will be received.

Restoration Project Updates

Erika Holcombe, USFWS, and Jesse Anderson, Cramer Fish Sciences, provided updates below on restoration projects.

Jesse Anderson stated that the Tortuga project under funding from Reclamation to the East Stanislaus RDC just completed the 65% design, and is currently in the permitting phase. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2027, dependent on permitting.

Cramer Fish Sciences is starting a collaboration project with funding from USFWS to do baseline studies on Oakdale Recreation Area and Jacob Myers Recreation Area. In Spring 2026, baseline data collection, topography, and bathymetry will begin.

Cramer Fish Sciences is also working on the Caswell Memorial State Park project, funded by Reclamation with grant to the ESRCD in partnership with USFWS and State Parks. The project is looking to develop off-channel rearing habitat improvements. It is currently in the conceptual design phase, working on initial permitting and baseline data collection.

Jesse Anderson provided an update on Buffington Tract. While it was previously held up in permitting, the designs are now complete and permitting is in. The funding for implementation is pending, if that comes through then they can break ground this summer. USFWS added they do have some funding, but whether or not the whole design can be completed is still to be determined.

Reclamation CVO is investigating with BDO about any restoration-based operations in the new LTO or CVPIA.

Other Discussion items

- None

Items to Elevate to Fish and Water Operations Group

- None

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.



Stanislaus Watershed Team

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Conference Line: 1 (321) 209-6143; Meeting ID: 247 545 110 667#

Webinar: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Ground Rules¹
3. Announcements
4. Operations Update and Forecasts/Hydrology – Mechele Pacheco, USBR
5. Temperature Updates– Paula Higginson, NMFS
6. Flow Planning– Peggy Manza, USBR and Gretchen Murphey, CDFW
7. Stanislaus River Forum (SRF) Call – Peggy Manza, USBR
8. Fish Monitoring and Studies – CDFW, FISHBIO

¹ The Stanislaus Watershed Team’s Ground Rules are as follows:

- Seek to understand and respect opposing views and suggestions for change (w/in the parameters of the Guidance Document).
- Seek to leverage collective expertise (including from agencies’ & stakeholders’ consultants).
- Hold questions/discussion at the discretion of the presenter.
- Honor time limits - keep comments and discussion succinct and focused on meeting objectives as needed.
- Make constructive proposals and suggestions to seek mutually agreeable solutions for all parties.
- Keep a record of discussion and dialogue.
- One speaker at a time
- Take space/make space

9. Restoration Project Updates

- a. Erika Holcombe, USFWS
- b. USBR

10. Other Discussion Items

11. Items to the Fish and Water Operations Group

12. Review Action Items– Mia Schiappi, Kearns & West

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Tables for BDO

United States Department of the Interior
 Bureau of Reclamation
 Central Valley Project – California Daily CVP Water Supply Report

February 12, 2026

Run Date: February 13, 2026

Table 1. Reservoir Releases in Cubic Feet Per Second

Reservoir	Dam	WY 2025	WY 2026	15-Year Median
Trinity	Lewiston	3,500	306	309
Sacramento	Keswick	61,358	10,060	3,742
Feather	Oroville (SWP)	30,000	0	1,750
American	Nimbus	2,471	3,471	2,471
Stanislaus	Goodwin	212	276	429
San Joaquin	Friant	425	400	400

Table 2. Storage in Major Reservoirs in Thousands of Acre-Feet

Reservoir	Capacity	15-Yr Avg	WY 2025	WY 2026	% O 15 Yr Avg
Trinity	2,448	1,507	2,018	2,051	136
Shasta	4,552	3,021	3,751	3,549	117
Folsom	977	516	568	516	100
New Melones	2,420	1,471	1,894	1,780	121
Fed. San Luis	966	617	673	613	99
Total North CVP	11,363	7,133	8,904	8,509	119
Millerton	521	287	255	320	112
Oroville (SWP)	3,425	2,128	2,801	0	0

Table 3. Accumulated Inflow for water Year to Date in Thousands of Acre-Feet

Reservoir	Current WY 2026	WY 1977	WY 1983	15-Yr Avg	% O 15 Yr Avg
Trinity	573	47	583	351	163
Shasta	2,526	1,021	3,302	1,916	132
Folsom	918	146	1,890	818	112
New Melones	268	N/A	650	278	97
Millerton	461	90	952	305	151

Table 4. Accumulated Precipitation for Water Year to Date in Inches

Reservoir	Current WY 2026	WY 1977	WY 1983	Avg (N Yrs)	% of Avg	Last 24 Hours
Trinity at Fish Hatchery	20.08	4.63	29.91	19.43 (66)	103	0.24
Sacramento at Shasta Dam	47.70	6.22	58.15	36.04 (71)	132	1.21
American at Blue Canyon	36.86	8.21	60.97	37.52 (52)	98	0.00
Stanislaus at New Melones	18.29	N/A	26.36	15.79 (49)	116	0.14
San Joaquin at Huntington LK	19.09	5.20	49.50	22.18 (53)	86	0.15

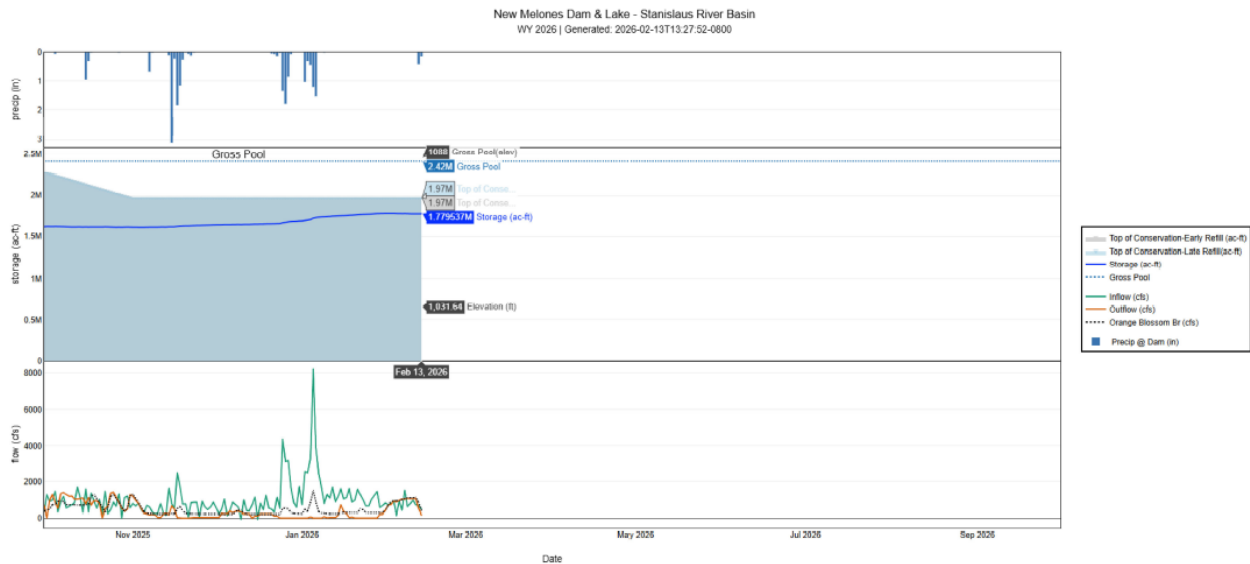


Figure 1. New Melones Dam & Lake – Stanislaus River Basin, 2026-02-13T13:27:52-0800

Figure 1 is a graph that shows the flow, storage, and precipitation for New Melones Dam and Lake from November 2025 to September 2026. The graph shows storage approximately at 1.7M ac-ft from early January 2027 to February 13, 2026; with an average inflow below 2000 cfs, except for a peak over 8000 cfs in late January 2026.

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Table 5. New Melones Lake Daily Operations, January 2026, Run Date: 02/10/2026

Day	Elev	Storage 1000- Acre- Feet in Lake	Storage 1000- Acre- Feet Change	Com- puted* Inflow C.F.S.	Releas e C.F.S. Power	Release C.F.S. Spill	Release C.F.S. Outlet	Evap. C.F.S.	Evap. Inches	Precip Inches
N/A	N/A	1,693.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	1,023.62	1,698.0	5.0	2,556	14	0	0	16	0.05	1.03
2	1,024.11	1,702.9	4.9	2,497	14	0	0	6	0.02	0.30
3	1,024.74	1,709.2	6.3	3,288	81	0	0	13	0.04	0.45
4	1,026.35	1,725.5	16.3	8,214	14	0	0	7	0.02	1.22
5	1,027.11	1,733.2	7.7	3,917	14	0	0	20	0.06	1.53
6	1,027.58	1,738.0	4.8	2,432	14	0	0	10	0.03	0.00
7	1,027.90	1,741.2	3.3	1,670	14	0	0	16	0.05	0.00
8	1,028.03	1,742.5	1.3	782	96	0	0	20	0.06	0.01
9	1,028.27	1,745.0	2.4	1,281	27	0	0	20	0.06	0.00
10	1,028.47	1,747.0	2.0	1,077	42	0	0	7	0.02	0.00
11	1,028.79	1,750.3	3.3	1,704	42	0	0	17	0.05	0.00
12	1,028.95	1,751.9	1.6	875	42	0	0	10	0.03	0.00
13	1,029.14	1,753.9	1.9	1,170	177	0	0	13	0.04	0.00
14	1,029.31	1,755.6	1.7	1,608	714	0	0	17	0.05	0.00
15	1,029.44	1,756.9	1.3	1,043	349	0	0	23	0.07	0.00
16	1,029.60	1,758.6	1.6	1,106	260	0	0	20	0.06	0.00
17	1,029.90	1,761.6	3.1	1,617	42	0	0	27	0.08	0.00
18	1,030.05	1,763.2	1.5	862	70	0	0	17	0.05	0.00
19	1,030.23	1,765.0	1.8	963	14	0	0	17	0.05	0.00
20	1,030.53	1,768.1	3.1	1,580	14	0	0	13	0.04	0.00
21	1,030.77	1,770.6	2.5	1,270	14	0	0	13	0.04	0.00
22	1,030.95	1,772.4	1.8	973	14	0	0	27	0.08	0.00
23	1,031.07	1,773.7	1.2	657	14	0	0	20	0.06	0.00
24	1,031.19	1,774.9	1.2	655	14	0	0	17	0.05	0.00

Day	Elev	Storage 1000- Acre- Feet in Lake	Storage 1000- Acre- Feet Change	Com- puted* Inflow C.F.S.	Releas e C.F.S. Power	Release C.F.S. Spill	Release C.F.S. Outlet	Evap. C.F.S.	Evap. Inches	Precip Inches
25	1,031.38	1,776.9	2.0	1,005	14	0	0	3	0.01	0.00
26	1,031.61	1,779.2	2.4	1,216	14	0	0	7	0.02	0.00
27	1,031.88	1,782.0	2.8	1,447	14	0	0	30	0.09	0.00
28	1,031.94	1,782.6	0.6	570	225	0	0	33	0.10	0.00
29	1,032.02	1,783.5	0.8	656	220	0	0	20	0.06	0.00
30	1,032.09	1,784.2	0.7	809	427	0	0	17	0.05	0.00
31	1,032.09	1,784.2	0.0	721	704	0	0	17	0.05	0.00
Totals	N/A	N/A	90.9	50,221	3,728	0	0	513	1.54	4.54
Acre- Feet	N/A	N/A	90,900	99,613	7,394	0	0	1,018	N/A	N/A

Comments:

* Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases, and evaporation.

Summary Precipitation

This Month 4.54
October 1, 2025 to Date N/A
October 1, 2025 to Date 17.73

Summary: Release (acre- feet)

Release (acre-feet) N/A
Power 7,394
Spill 0
Outlet 0
Total 7,394

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Table 6. New Melones Lake Daily Operations, February 2026, Run Date: 02/13/2026

Day	Elev	Storage 1000- Acre-Feet in Lake	Storage 1000- Acre- Feet Change	Compu- ted* Inflow C.F.S.	Release C.F.S. Power	Re- lease C.F.S. Spill	Re- lease C.F.S. Outlet	Evap. C.F.S.	Evap. Inches	Precip. Inches
N/A	N/A	1,784.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	1,032.09	1,784.2	0.0	744	721	0	0	23	0.07	0.00
2	1,032.09	1,784.2	0.0	928	905	0	0	23	0.07	0.00
3	1,031.95	1,782.7	-1.4	156	872	0	0	13	0.04	0.00
4	1,031.94	1,782.6	-0.1	932	944	0	0	40	0.12	0.00
5	1,031.82	1,781.4	-1.2	427	1,018	0	0	33	0.10	0.00
6	1,031.91	1,782.3	0.9	1,520	1,013	0	0	40	0.12	0.00
7	1,031.82	1,781.4	-0.9	615	1,055	0	0	27	0.08	0.00
8	1,031.65	1,779.6	-1.8	226	1,086	0	0	23	0.07	0.00
9	1,031.63	1,779.4	-0.2	955	1,036	0	0	23	0.07	0.00
10	1,031.56	1,778.7	-0.7	715	1,061	0	0	17	0.05	0.00
11	1,031.59	1,779.0	0.3	663	507	0	0	0	0.00	0.42
12	1,031.64	1,779.5	0.5	470	183	0	0	27	0.08	0.14
Totals	N/A	N/A	-4.6	8,351	10,401	0	0	289	0.87	0.56
Acre- Feet	N/A	N/A	-4,600	16,564	20,630	0	0	573	N/A	N/A

Comments:

* Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases, and evaporation.

Summary Precipitation

This Month 0.56
 October 1, 2025 to Date N/A
 October 1, 2025 to Date 18.29

Summary: Release (acre-feet)

Release (acre-feet) N/A
 Power 20,630
 Spill 0
 Outlet 0
Total 20,630

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Table 7. Tulloch Reservoir Daily Operations, January 2026, Run Date: 02/10/2026

Day	Elev	Storage (Acre-Feet) Reservoir	Storage (Acre-Feet) Change	Computed* Inflow C.F.S.	New Melones Release	Release C.F.S. Power	Release C.F.S. Spill	Release C.F.S. Outlet	Evap. C.F.S. (1)
N/A	N/A	57,938	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	503.10	58,724	786	610	14	212	0	0	2
2	503.03	58,644	-80	265	14	304	0	0	1
3	502.78	58,364	-280	600	81	740	0	0	1
4	505.24	61,189	2,825	2,162	14	737	0	0	1
5	506.18	62,298	1,109	895	14	334	0	0	2
6	506.54	62,728	430	310	14	53	0	39	1
7	506.81	63,050	322	216	14	0	0	52	2
8	507.05	63,338	288	303	96	139	0	17	2
9	506.92	63,181	-157	132	27	209	0	0	2
10	506.75	62,979	-202	111	42	212	0	0	1
11	506.54	62,728	-251	88	42	213	0	0	2
12	506.36	62,513	-215	106	42	213	0	0	1
13	506.28	62,417	-96	230	177	276	0	0	2
14	506.79	63,026	609	761	714	452	0	0	2
15	506.69	62,907	-119	380	349	437	0	0	3
16	506.68	62,895	-12	299	260	303	0	0	2
17	506.30	62,441	-454	72	42	298	0	0	3
18	505.97	62,048	-393	101	70	297	0	0	2
19	505.57	61,577	-471	61	14	296	0	0	2
20	505.31	61,272	-305	145	14	297	0	0	2
21	504.20	59,981	-1,291	-76	14	299	0	275	1
22	503.67	59,374	-607	30	14	333	0	0	3
23	503.25	58,895	-479	55	14	294	0	0	2
24	502.84	58,431	-464	63	14	295	0	0	2
25	502.41	57,949	-482	52	14	295	0	0	0
26	501.99	57,479	-470	60	14	296	0	0	1
27	501.56	57,005	-474	63	14	299	0	0	3
28	501.52	56,961	-44	280	225	298	0	0	4
29	501.46	56,894	-67	265	220	297	0	0	2
30	501.54	56,983	89	510	427	463	0	0	2
31	501.54	56,983	0	762	704	760	0	0	2

Day	Elev	Storage (Acre Feet) Reservoir	Storage (Acre-Feet) Change	Computed* Inflow C.F.S.	New Melones Release	Release C.F.S. Power	Release C.F.S. Spill	Release C.F.S. Outlet	Evap. C.F.S. (1)
Totals	N/A	N/A	-955	9,911	3,728	9,951	0	383	58
Acre-Feet	N/A	N/A	-955	19,658	7,394	19,738	0	760	115

Comments:

* Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases, and evaporation.
(1) Evaporation records taken from New Melones Pan.

Summary: Release (acre-feet)

Release (acre-feet)	N/A
Power	19,738
Spill	0
Outlet	760
Total	20,497

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Table 8. Tulloch Reservoir Daily Operations, February 2026, Run Date: 02/13/2026

Day	Elev	Storage (Acre Feet) Res.	Storage (Acre-Feet) Change	Computed* Inflow C.F.S.	New Melones Release	Release C.F.S. Power	Release C.F.S. Spill	Release C.F.S. Outlet	Evap. C.F.S. (1)
N/A	N/A	57,938	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	501.17	56,575	-408	759	721	963	0	0	2
2	501.16	56,563	-12	959	905	963	0	0	2
3	501.11	56,508	-55	926	872	953	0	0	1
4	501.36	56,784	276	1,095	944	952	0	0	4
5	501.11	56,508	-276	916	1,018	1,051	0	0	4
6	501.04	56,431	-77	1,018	1,013	1,053	0	0	4
7	501.05	56,442	11	1,061	1,055	1,052	0	0	3
8	501.11	56,508	66	1,088	1,086	1,053	0	0	2
9	501.15	56,552	44	1,077	1,036	1,053	0	0	2
10	501.26	56,674	122	1,141	1,061	1,077	0	0	2
11	501.08	56,475	-199	494	507	594	0	0	0
12	500.94	56,322	-153	186	183	260	0	0	3
Totals	NA	NA	-661	10,720	10,401	11,024	0	0	29
Acre-Feet	NA	NA	-661	21,263	20,630	21,866	0	0	58

Comments:

* Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases, and evaporation.

(1) Evaporation records taken from New Melones Pan.

Summary: Release (acre-feet)

Release (acre-feet)	N/A
Power	21,866
Spill	0
Outlet	214
Total	21,866

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Table 9. Goodwin Reservoir Daily Operations, January 2026, Run Date: 02/10/2026

Day	Elev	Storage (1000 Acre- Feet) in Lake	Storage (1000 Acre-Feet) Change	Tulloch Release	Release C.F.S. – River Outlet	Release C.F.S. – Spill	Canals- Joint Main	Canals – South Main
N/A	N/A	521	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	359.78	522	1	212	0	233	0	0
2	360.50	572	50	304	0	309	0	0
3	360.13	546	-26	740	0	797	0	0
4	360.14	547	1	737	0	828	0	0
5	359.73	518	-29	334	0	376	0	0
6	359.28	487	-31	92	0	228	0	0
7	348.73	433	-54	52	0	225	0	0
8	345.95	388	-45	156	0	220	0	0
9	345.96	389	1	209	0	212	0	0
10	346.08	390	1	212	0	208	0	0
11	346.09	391	1	213	0	209	0	0
12	346.12	391	0	213	0	209	0	0
13	349.21	441	50	276	0	207	0	0
14	355.38	541	100	452	0	308	0	0
15	359.79	613	72	437	0	302	0	0
16	359.81	613	0	303	0	308	0	0
17	359.81	613	0	298	0	303	0	0
18	359.81	613	0	297	0	304	0	0
19	359.81	613	0	296	0	303	0	0
20	359.81	613	0	297	0	303	0	0
21	360.03	616	3	574	0	577	0	0
22	359.82	613	-3	333	0	371	0	0
23	359.82	613	0	294	0	300	0	0
24	359.83	613	0	295	0	303	0	0
25	359.83	613	0	295	0	303	0	0

Day	Elev	Storage (1000 Acre-Feet) in Lake	Storage (1000 Acre-Feet) Change	Tulloch Release	Release C.F.S. - River Outlet	Release C.F.S. - Spill	Canals-Joint Main	Canals - South Main
26	359.83	613	0	296	0	303	0	0
27	359.83	613	0	299	0	303	0	0
28	359.85	614	1	298	0	305	0	0
29	359.85	614	0	297	0	310	0	0
30	359.98	616	2	463	0	477	0	0
31	360.16	619	3	760	0	790	0	0
Totals	N/A	N/A	98	10,334	0	10,734	0	0
Acre-Feet	N/A	N/A	98	20,497	0	21,291	0	0

Joint Main Operated by SSJID and OID.

Summary: Release (acre-feet)

Joint Main Canal	0
South Main Canal	0
Outlet	0
Spill	21,291
Total	21,291

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 District Tri Dams Project-California

Table 10. Goodwin Reservoir Daily Operations, February 2026, Run Date: 02/13/2026

Day	Elev	Storage (1000 Acre- Feet) in Lake	Storage (1000 Acre-Feet) Change	Tulloch Release	Release C.F.S. – River Outlet	Release C.F.S. – Spill	Canals– Joint Main	Canals– South Main
N/A	N/A	619	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	360.27	620	1	963	0	1,002	0	0
2	360.27	620	0	963	0	1,003	0	0
3	360.26	620	0	953	0	1,001	0	0
4	360.26	620	0	952	0	1,003	0	0
5	360.31	621	1	1,051	0	1,102	0	0
6	360.31	621	0	1,053	0	1,103	0	0
7	360.31	621	0	1,052	0	1,102	0	0
8	360.31	621	0	1,053	0	1,102	0	0
9	360.32	621	0	1,053	0	1,102	0	0
10	360.32	621	0	1,077	0	1,129	0	0
11	359.97	616	-5	594	0	652	0	0
12	359.77	612	-4	260	0	276	0	0
Totals	N/A	N/A	-7	11,024	0	11,577	0	0
Acre- Feet	N/A	N/A	-7	21,866	0	22,963	0	0

Joint Main Operated by SSJID and OID.

Summary: Release (acre-feet)

Joint Main Canal	0
South Main Canal	0
Outlet	0
Spill	22,963
Total	22,963

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Year-to-Date Flows

Goodwin releases since October 1, 2025, are shown in Figure 1.

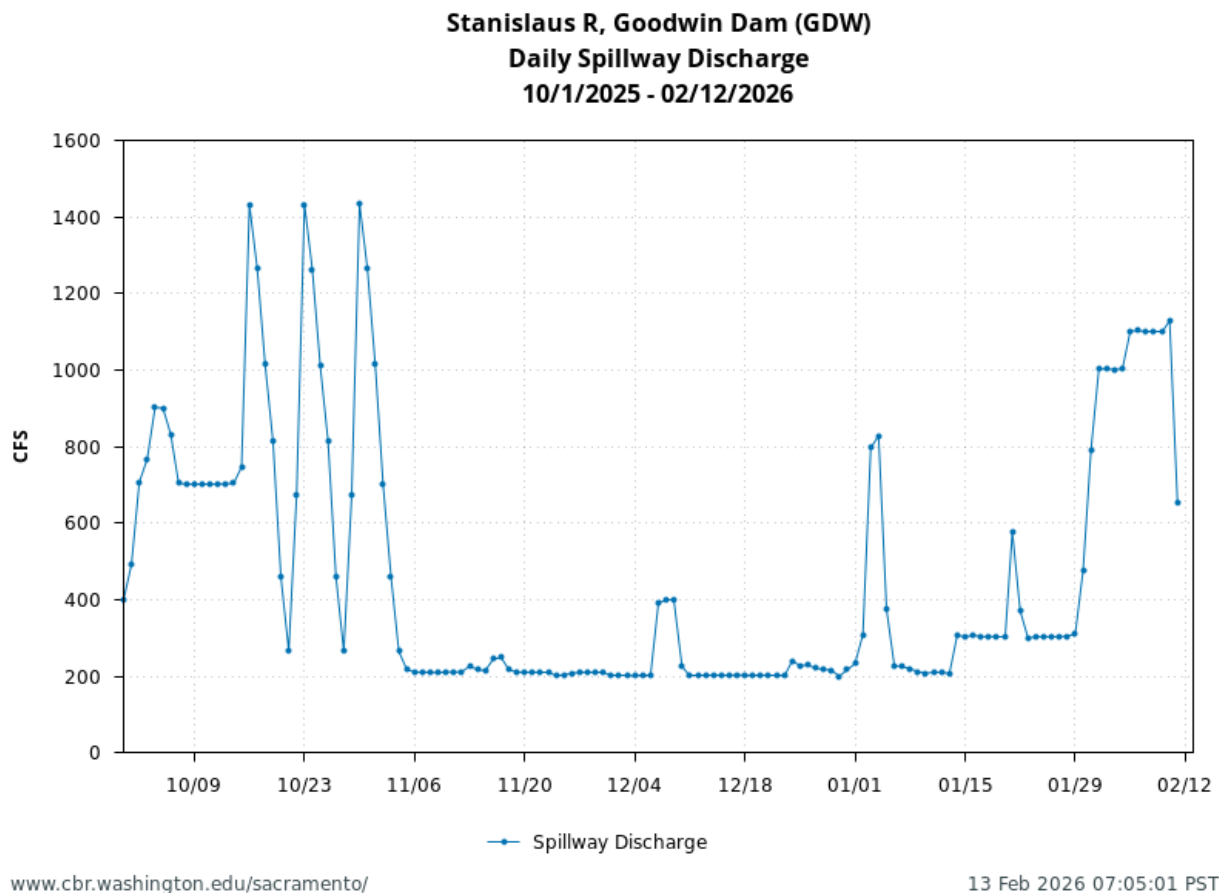


Figure 2. Goodwin (daily) releases to the Stanislaus River since October 1 (water year). Data from GDW station on CDEC.

Figure 2 is a line graph showing Goodwin Dam daily spillway discharge. The graph shows three peaks to over 1400 cfs on October 17, 23, 29. The spillway discharge drops to about 200 cfs throughout late November 2025, with an increase to 400 cfs in December 7th through December 9th, 2025, and a peak to about 800 cfs on January 3rd, 2026. There is a noticeable peak on January 29, 2026 to approximately 1000 cfs, with minor peaks almost reaching 1200 cfs in early February 2026, before decreasing below 800 cfs on February 12, 2026.

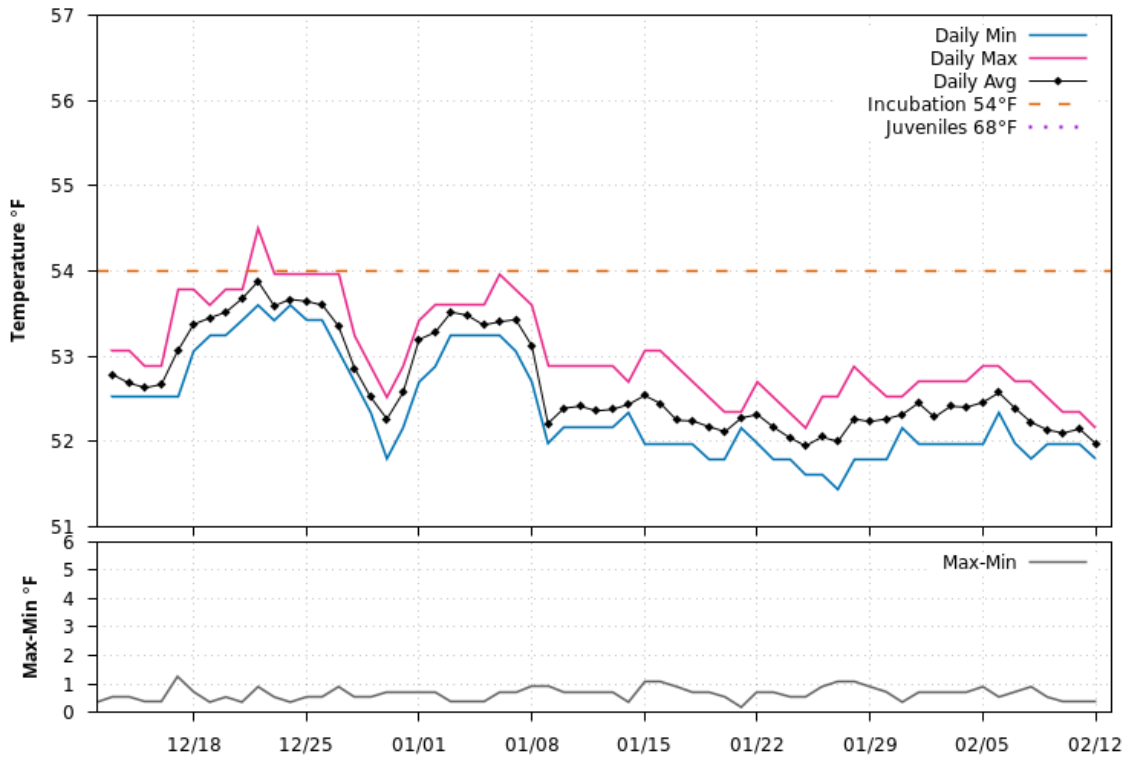
Water Temperature

The temperature thresholds included in Figures 2-10, below, are the thresholds used in the 2024 NMFS LTO BiOp1 (see Incidental Take Statement on p. 896-897) to define the extent of take anticipated from water temperature effects in the Stanislaus River. It is important to note that many of the temperature figures provide sub-daily information or information at

locations other than Orange Blossom Bridge and thus don't reflect the specific metrics for take in the 2024 NMFS LTO BiOp. Temperature thresholds have been added to these figures at the request of Stanislaus Watershed Team members to provide a general reference of water temperature suitability.

Water temperatures in the Stanislaus River since December 2025 are shown below at Goodwin Canyon (Figure 3), Orange Blossom Bridge (Figure 4), and at Ripon (Figure 5). Water temperatures in the San Joaquin River since October 2025 are shown below at Vernalis (Figure 5). Current-year water temperatures are plotted along with historical temperatures for upstream of Orange Blossom Bridge (Figure 7), Ripon (Figure 8), and Vernalis (Figure 9). A compilation of Stanislaus River water temperatures and Goodwin releases Water Year 2026 is provided in Figure 10.

Stanislaus R blw Goodwin Dam nr Knights Ferry USGS (11302000)
Water Temperature
12/13/2025 - 02/12/2026



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Figure 3. Daily water temperatures on the Stanislaus River upstream of Knights Ferry since December 13, 2025. Data from USGS gage 11302000 on NWIS; temperature threshold reference line added by SWT.

Figure 3 is a stacked chart for daily water temperatures Stanislaus River upstream of Knights Ferry for current 60 days period. Top chart: Daily Min, Max and average water temperatures (in degrees Fahrenheit). Bottom chart: Daily difference between Max and Min measured water temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Data from OBB station retrieved from CDEC; figure generated by SacPAS (including date-based water temperature threshold reference lines).

**Stanislaus R at Orange Blossom Bridge (OBB)
Water Temperature
12/13/2025 - 02/12/2026**

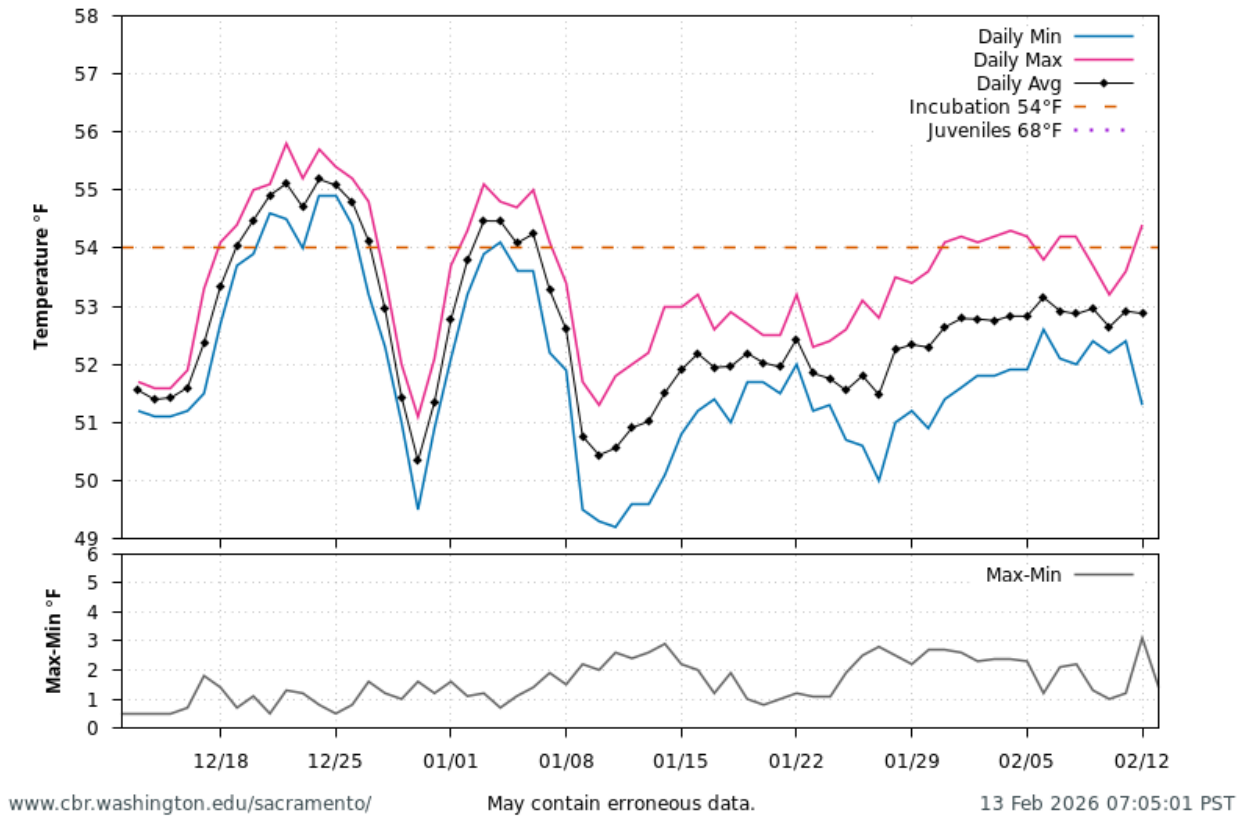
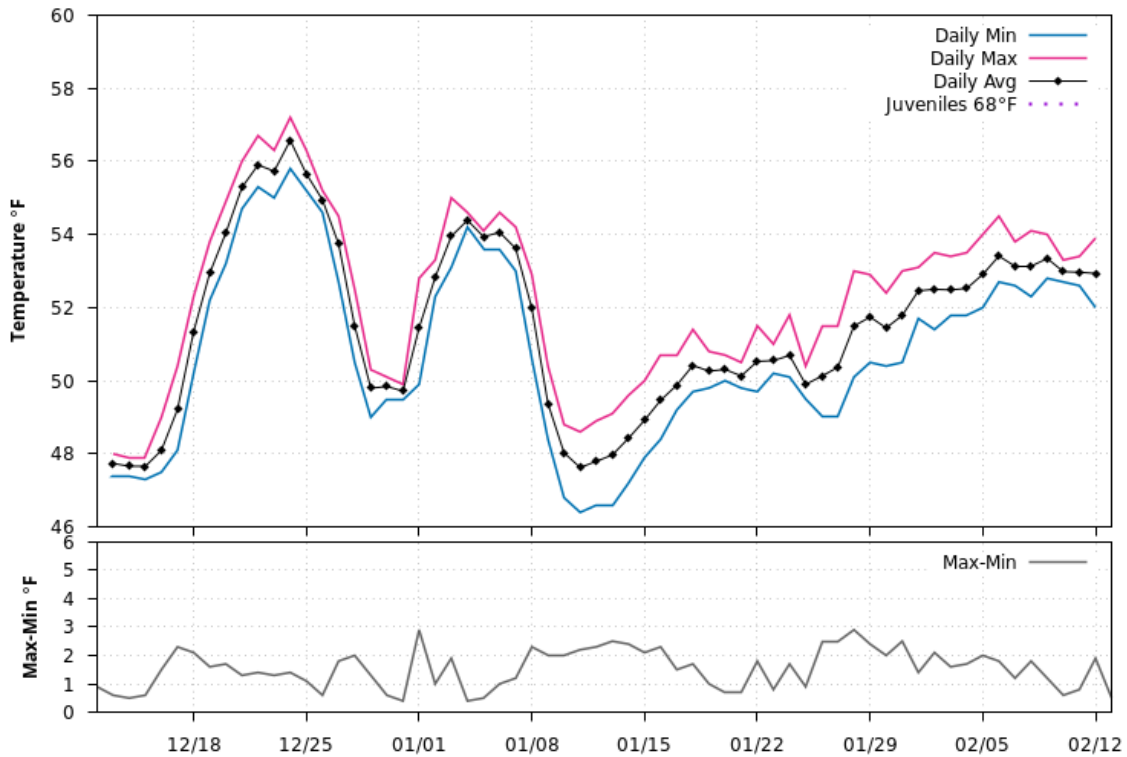


Figure 4. Stanislaus (hourly) water temperatures at Orange Blossom Bridge since December 13, 2025. Data from OBB station on CDEC. Please be aware that due to malfunctions with the temperature gauge at Orange Blossom Bridge, the data should be noted as unreliable.

Figure 4 is a stacked chart for daily water temperatures Stanislaus River at Orange Blossom Bridge for current 60 days period. Top chart: Daily Min, Max and average water temperatures (in degrees Fahrenheit). Bottom chart: Daily difference between Max and Min measured water temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Data from OBB station retrieved from CDEC; figure generated by SacPAS (including date-based water temperature threshold reference lines). For more information, please call (916) 414-2400.

Stanislaus R at Ripon (USGS) (RIP)
Water Temperature
12/13/2025 - 02/12/2026



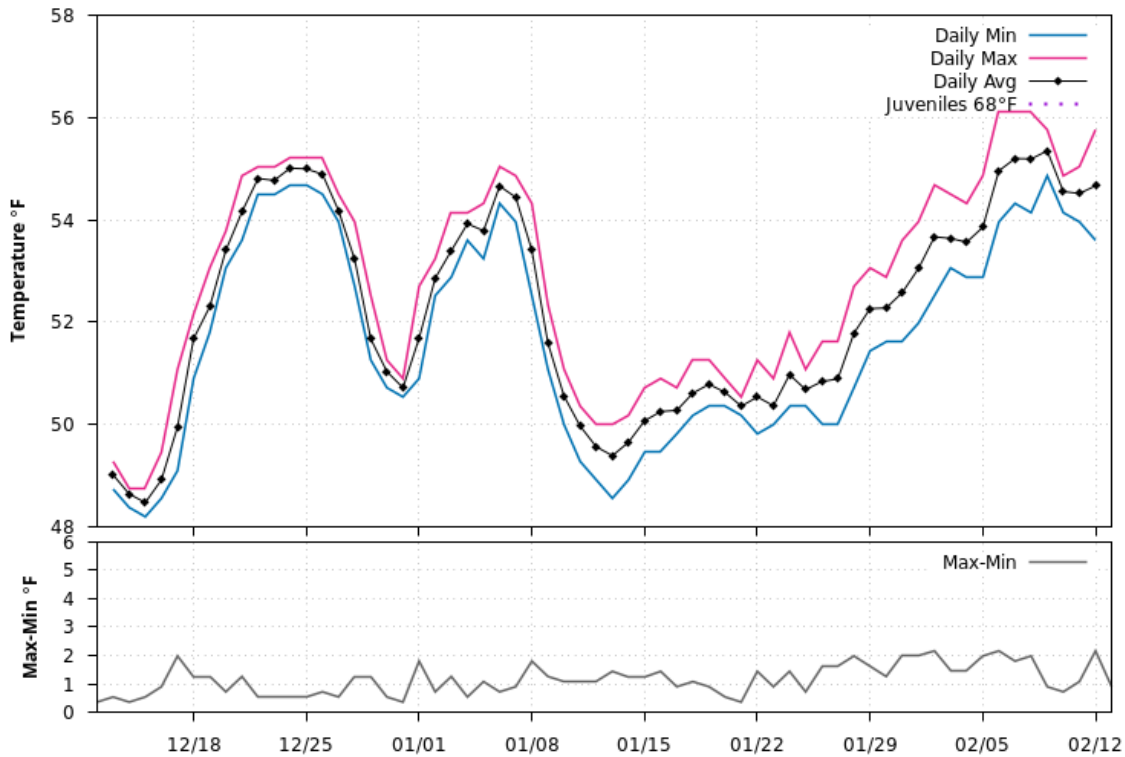
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Figure 5. Stanislaus water temperatures at Ripon since December 13, 2025. Data from RIP station on CDEC.

Figure 5 is a stacked chart for daily water temperatures Stanislaus River at Ripon for current 60 days period. Top chart: Daily Min, Max and average water temperatures (in degrees Fahrenheit). Bottom chart: Daily difference between Max and Min measured water temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Data from OBB station retrieved from CDEC; figure generated by SacPAS (including date-based water temperature threshold reference lines).

**San Joaquin R nr Vernalis (VNS)
Water Temperature
12/13/2025 - 02/12/2026**



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Figure 6. San Joaquin River (15-minute) water temperatures at Vernalis since December 13, 2025. Data from VNS station on CDEC.

Figure 6 is a stacked chart for daily water temperatures Stanislaus River at Vernalis for current 60 days period. Top chart: Daily Min, Max and average water temperatures (in degrees Fahrenheit). Bottom chart: Daily difference between Max and Min measured water temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Data from OBB station retrieved from CDEC; figure generated by SacPAS (including date-based water temperature threshold reference lines).

**Stanislaus R at Orange Blossom Bridge (OBB)
2000-2025 Daily Average Water Temperature
Observed Range 43.0-59.2
11/21 - 03/21**

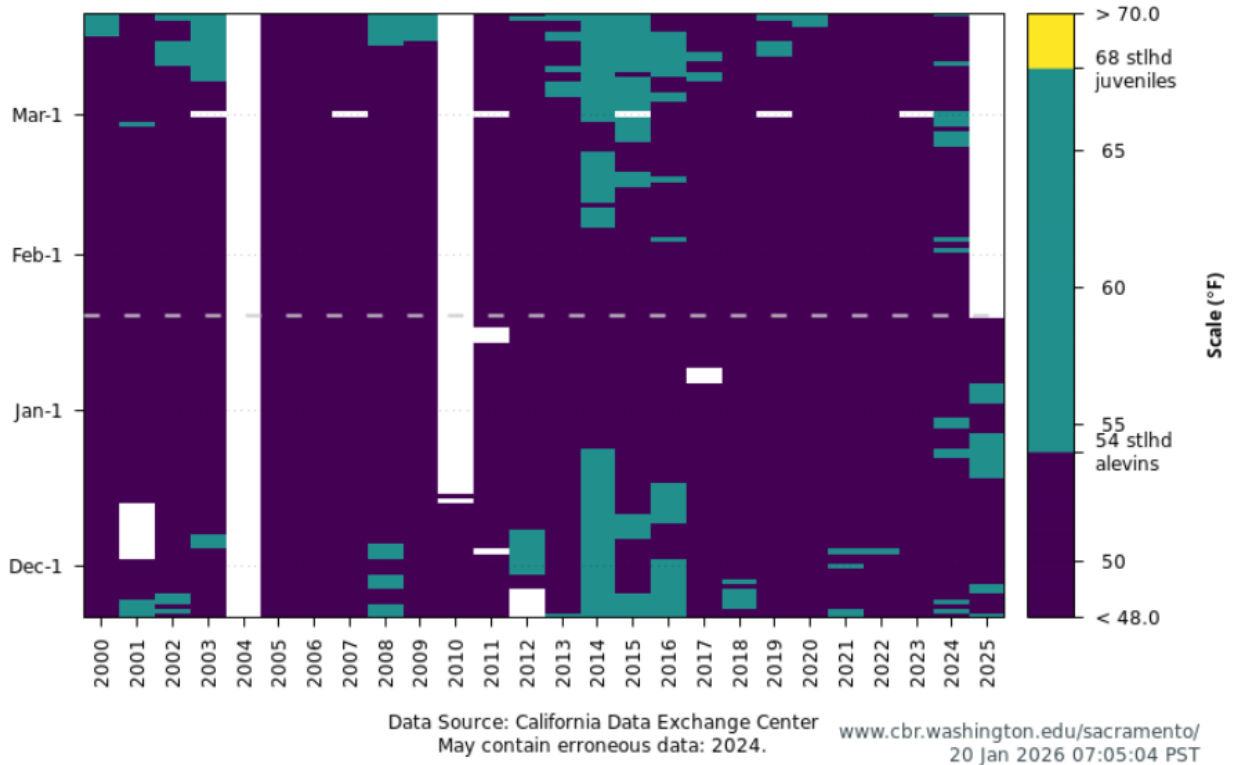


Figure 7. Stanislaus River water temperatures at Orange Blossom Bridge for WY 2001 to present. [Data from SacPAS website](#); temperature threshold reference lines added by SWT. Please be aware that due to malfunctions with the temperature gauge at Orange Blossom Bridge, the date should be noted as unreliable.

Figure 7 is a bar chart showing water temperatures at Orange Blossom Bridge for WY 2001 to present for November to March. The chart shows that during this time, the daily average water temperature was mostly below 54 degrees Fahrenheit from late November to early March.

Stanislaus R at Ripon (USGS) (RIP)
2011-2025 Daily Average Water Temperature
Observed Range 43.0-67.6
12/15 - 04/14

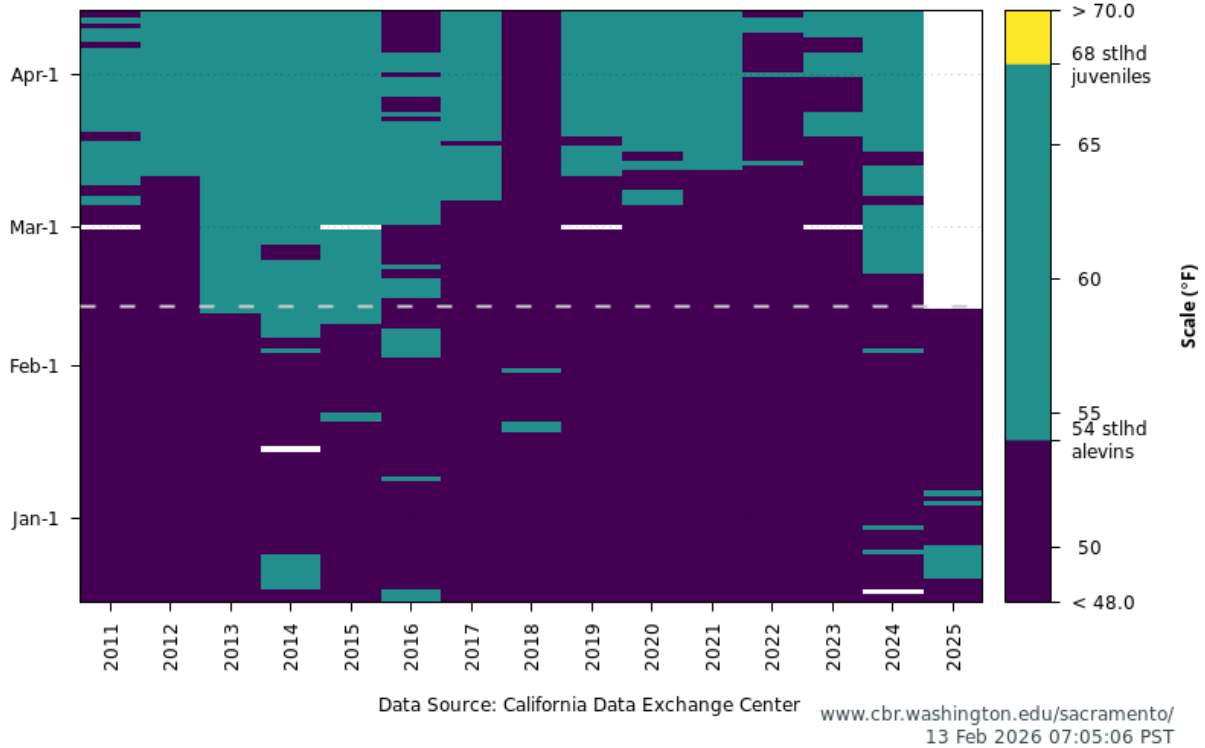
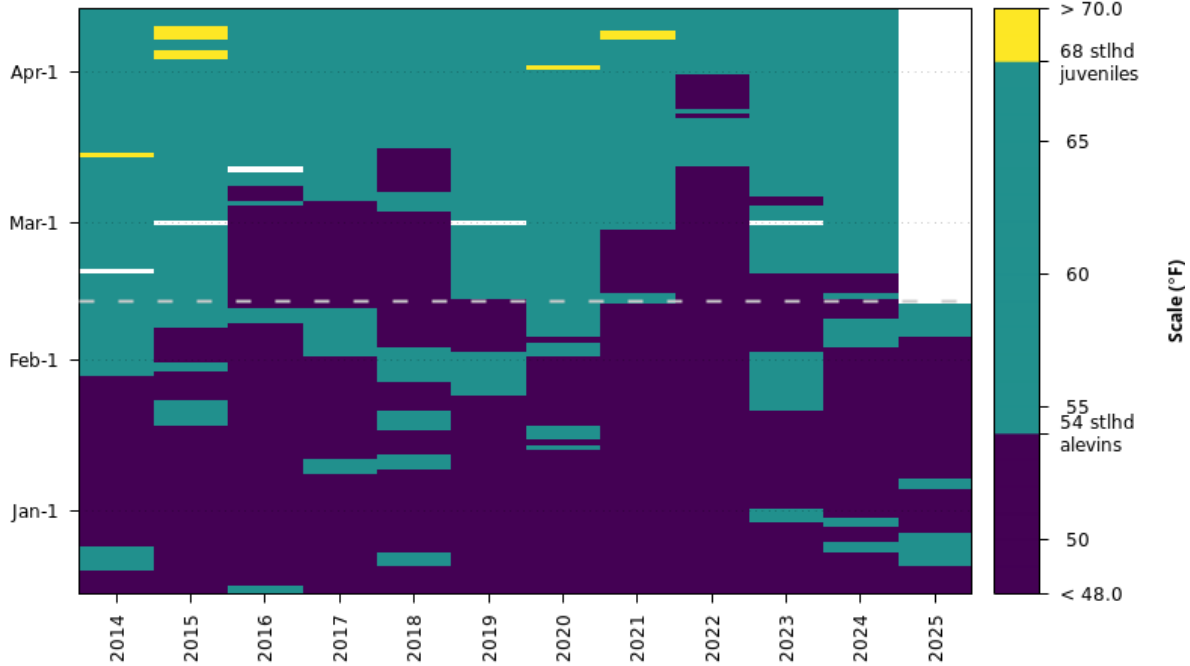


Figure 8. Stanislaus River water temperatures at Ripon for WY 2012 to present. Figure from SacPAS website using RIP station data from CDEC; temperature threshold reference line added by SWT.

Figure 8 is a bar chart showing water temperatures at Ripon for WY 2012 to present for December to April. The chart shows that during this time, the daily average water temperature was mostly below 54-degrees Fahrenheit from late November through early March. Periods through March and April show temperatures between 54 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

San Joaquin R nr Vernalis (VNS)
2014-2025 Daily Average Water Temperature
Observed Range 44.2-69.6
12/15 - 04/14

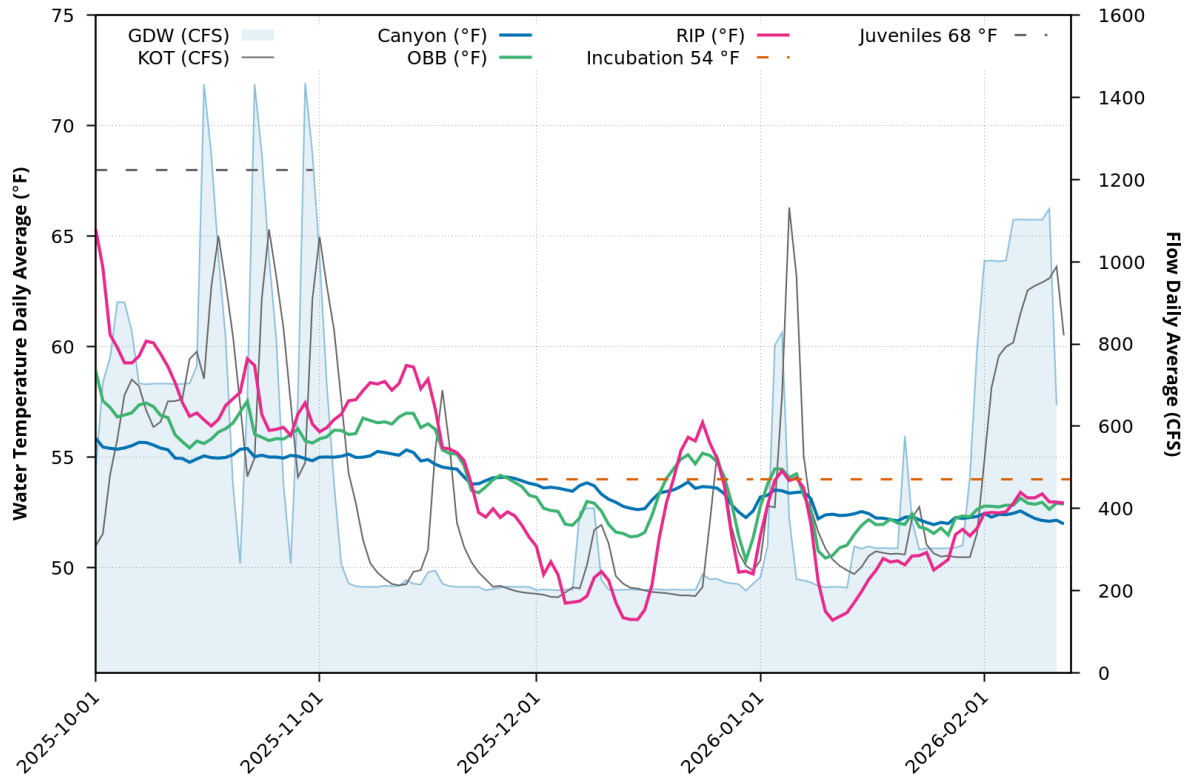


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Figure 9. San Joaquin River water temperatures at Vernalis for WY 2015 to present. Figure from [SacPAS website](#) using VNS station data from CDEC; temperature threshold reference line added by SWT.

Figure 9 is a bar chart showing water temperatures at Vernalis for WY 2015 to present for December to April. The chart shows that during this time, the daily average water temperature was below 54 degrees Fahrenheit starting in December through late January, with temperatures between 54 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit from February to April.

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Figure 10. Stanislaus River flow and water temperatures from October 1, 2025 to February 13, 2026. [Data \(including temperature threshold reference lines\)](#) from SacPAS. Please be aware that due to malfunctions with the temperature gauge at Orange Blossom Bridge, the data should be noted as unreliable.

Figure 10 is a line chart showing river flow and water temperatures on the Stanislaus River. The graph shows decreasing temperatures and flow from October 1, 2025 to mid-December 2025, with minor increases from late December 2025 to January 2026.

CDFW and USBR

Updates on Flow Planning

To be shared/discussed at the meeting.

Stanislaus River Forum (SFR) Call Updates

To be shared/discussed at the meeting.

CDFW Update

Update on Fish Monitoring (Adults)

Chinook carcass and redd surveys

Preliminary escapement estimate

Fall Run: 5,798

Spring Run: 155

Update on Fish Monitoring (Juveniles)

Mossdale Trawl

Trawl operations have shifted from USFWS only to joint USFWS/CDFW operations in January.

The first Chinook for the season was captured on 1/5/2026.

Table 11. 2026 Salmonid Catch at Mossdale.

Date	Catch	Comments
1/5/2026	1 CHN	FL 34
1/8/2026	6 CHN	Ave FL 34.5

PSMFC Updates

Updates

Rotary Screw Traps (RSTs): The rotary screw traps on the Stanislaus River at Caswell Memorial State Park have not been installed because PSMFC has not yet received funding for the 2026 sampling season. PSMFC has been directed to hold off on field operations until funding has been received. At this time, no estimated date has been provided for when funding for 2026 will be received.

Caswell RST data for the 2025 sampling season is now available on the [EDI webpage](#).

The annual report is available on the [CalFish webpage](#).