

# Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – March 4, 2026

## Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – Tracy Hinojosa, ~~Bryant Giorgi~~
- USFWS – ~~Matt Nobriga~~, Leif Goude (Acting: Erin Cole)
- NMFS – Darren Howe
- CDFW – ~~Kristal Davis-Fadtke~~
- SWRCB – ~~Matthew Holland~~, Diane Riddle, (Acting: Craig Williams)
- NGO – Ashley Overhouse, ~~Devon Pearse~~
- PWA – ~~Deanna Sereno~~, Scott Petersen,
- PWA - ~~Chandra Chilmakuri~~

## Topics/Actions

Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approved

Upcoming Meetings

Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 03/10/2026

Drought Response Year (DRY) Team:

American River Group (ARG meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed):

Clear Creek Technical Team (CCT meets quarterly on third Thursday):

Sacramento River Group (SRG) (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): met on 02/26/2026

Stanislaus Watershed Team (SWT meets monthly on third Wednesday):

Annual Report Team

Shasta Operations Team (SHOT): met 02/23/2026

Relevant Assessments

- 260302 Combined Salmon and Smelt Assessment
- 20260302 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
- 03.03.26 DAT Notes

- StormFlex Assessment 03-02-2026

#### Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 300 cfs. Whiskeytown Dam releases at 300 cfs. Keswick Dam releases at 4,800 cfs (no expected encroachment; reductions on 3/5 to 4,600 cfs, on 3/5 to 4,400 cfs, on 3/7 to 4,200 cfs, and on 3/8 to 4,000 cfs). Nimbus Dam releases at 1,850 cfs (reductions on 3/5 to 1,500 cfs and an increase on 3/9 to 2,500 cfs). Goodwin Dam releases at 200 cfs. Jones Pumping Plant exporting 4,200 cfs (OMRI -5,000 cfs controlling). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 693 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is closed (closed on 10/30/25).
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 10,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exporting 4,400 cfs (decreases over the next few days for OMRI - 5000 cfs). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 1049 TAF.
- Hydrology Update: Dry this week with a potential chance of precipitation in the northern part of the state next week.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
  - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
  - StormFlex Update
- DWR:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- USFWS:
  - No upcoming actions, updates or discussion items.
- NMFS:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- SWRCB:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NGO:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- PWA
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

- FAWOG
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

## Discussion Items

- StormFlex Update

Reclamation distributed a Storm Flex Assessment on 3/3 and a follow up email on 3/4 discussing their Storm Flex Operation. The Projects continue to coordinate operations at -5,000 cfs OMRI. There is no immediate change to federal exports at this time.

## Action Items

- No Action Items.

## Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.