

Delta Monitoring Workgroup

Meeting Record 12/26/2023

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Nick Bertrand, Kristi Arend
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Brian Schreier, Katie Osborn
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Tom Boardman (WWD), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Heidi Williams (Valley Water)

Review Operations Outlook (DWR)

- Overall, CVP and SWP reservoir releases remain the same due to lack of significant precipitation.
- SWP exports will be at 5,000 cfs for most of the week and drop to 2,000 cfs to reach the OMR limit on January 1st, 2024. CVP exports to remain at 3,600-4,200 cfs.
- Refer to the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook for more information.

Additional Questions or Comments

- **Question:** Are Delta operations mostly driven by outflow or are there salinity issues?
 - **Answer:** The monthly average outflow right now is more positive than 4,500 cfs with no OMR limits. There are no salinity or water quality issues right now.

Review PA Assessment (USBR)

Reclamation provided the PA Assessment update. For more information, please refer to the PA Assessment document.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions or comments.

Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

DWR provided the LFS update. For more information, please refer to the ITP Risk Assessment document.

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- No additional questions or comments.

Acronyms

- CVP – Central Valley Project
- DCC – Delta Cross Channel
- DOI – Delta Outflow Index
- DWR – California Department of Water Resources
- DCI – Delta Mendota Canal – California Aqueduct Intertie
- DS – Delta Smelt
- FNU – Formazin Nephelometric Unit
- I:E – Inflow to Export
- IOP – Interim Operations Plan
- ITP – Incidental Take Permit
- JPE – Juvenile Production Estimate
- LFS – Longfin Smelt
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
- OBI – Old River Bacon Island Station
- OMR – Old and Middle River Tidally Averaged Flow
- PA – Proposed Action (Federal)
- PTM – Particle Tracking Model
- SaMT – Salmon Monitoring Team
- SLS – Smelt Larval Survey
- SMT – Smelt Monitoring Team
- SWP – State Water Project
- SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board
- TFCF – Tracy Fish Collection Facility
- TUCP – Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- TUCO – Temporary Urgency Change Order
- USBR – United States Bureau of Reclamation
- WCS – Winter Run Chinook Salmon
- WOMT – Water Operations Management Team
- WQ – Water Quality
- YOY – Young of Year