



Water Operations Management Team Notes

June 5, 2024

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Elizabeth Kiteck, Levi Johnson
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW: Brooke Jacobs, Kristal Davis-Fadtke
- NMFS: Howard Brown, Garwin Yip
- DWR: Mike Ford, Lenny Grimaldo
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of meeting notes from last meeting: 5/29/24
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 6/11/24
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 6/11/24
 - Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 6/6/24
 - American River Group (monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 6/20/24
 - Stanislaus Watershed Team (monthly on third Wednesday): 6/19/24
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (quarterly on third Thursday): 6/13/24
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (SRTTG) (monthly on fourth Thursday): 6/27/24
 - Shasta Planning Group (as needed):
- Relevant Assessments
 - Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook: 6/4/24 – 6/10/24
 - Proposed Action Assessment: 6/4/24
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 6/4/24

- SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 6/4/24
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River release is at 2,400 cfs today and will slowly decrease through August 4. Sacramento River (Keswick) releases 8,500. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) release is 150 cfs and apulse flow is expected next week. American River (Nimbus) release is 2,500 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) is currently releasing 950. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 3,500 cfs (4 units). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 765 TAF.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) release is 3,600 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are 1,600 and decreasing to maintain 14-day average OMRI of -3,500. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 425 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (from Outlook): Hot weather through the week, peaking on Tuesday through Thursday. A Delta breeze will help taper temperatures downward beginning on Friday.

Upcoming Actions, Updates, and Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Discussion Items: OMRI of -5,000 cfs for coming week.
 - No actions or updates.
- FWS:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
 - Acknowledge CCF Herbicide Treatment
- DWR:
 - Discussion: Operations this week.
- SWRCB:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- DWR/Reclamation: DWR and Reclamation propose an OMRI of -5,000 cfs. Last week, DWR proposed that a -3500 CFS ramp up was appropriate coming off the spring-outflow protection period given that the Projects were at 60% of incidental take threshold and past the 100% threshold. Some salvage was expected last week based on the Tillotson model

and other conditions. Starting June 1st, when OMRI went more negative, observed salvage was trending lower than 20-50% Tillotson model predictions for the week. Therefore, DWR concluded that -5000 would be protective of steelhead due to the emigration season winding down and subsequent low entrainment probability.

- NMFS: Steelhead loss is decreasing since last week. Reasonable to look to median loss predictions for this week. Do not object to the Action Agencies' proposal to go to an OMRI of -5,000 cfs.
- CDFW: OMRI of -5,000 cfs should be protective for length-at-date (LAD) winter-run Chinook salmon.
- NMFS: 99-100% of winter-run have exited the Delta.

Elevation Items

- No elevation items.

Action Items

- No action items.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, 6/12/24, 1-1:50pm