



Water Operations Management Team Notes

June 12, 2024

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Elizabeth Kiteck
- USFWS: Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga
- CDFW:
- NMFS: Garwin Yip
- DWR: Molly White, Lenny Grimaldo
- SWRCB: Matthew Holland

Topics/Actions

- Approval of meeting notes from last meeting: 6/5/24
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 6/17/24
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT) (weekly on Tuesday): 6/17/24
 - Feather River Operations (monthly first and third Thursdays): 6/20/24
 - 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: 6/11/24 – 6/17/24
 - Proposed Action Assessment: 6/11/24
 - SaMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 6/11/24

- SMT ITP Risk Assessment Summary: 6/11/24
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity River release is at 2,000 cfs today and will slowly decrease through August 4. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 9,000 cfs. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown) release is 150 cfs; a 500 cfs pulse starts tomorrow reducing to 150 cfs by June 25. American River (Nimbus) release is 3,000 cfs and will increase to 3,500 cfs tomorrow. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) is currently releasing 1,500 cfs. Reclamation's Delta pumping is at 4,200 cfs (5 units). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 732 TAF.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) release is 3,800 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are currently 1,700 cfs and adjusting with SJR inflows to maintain -5,000 cfs OMRI and supporting Delta Outflow for X2 days per D-1641. State share of San Luis Reservoir is at 414 TAF.
- Hydrology Update (from Outlook): A significant heat-up from the weekend will occur at the start of the week; temperatures will trend cooler late in the week.

Upcoming Actions, Updates, and Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- FWS:
 - Discussion Item: Petition for Temporary Change
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No additional discussion items.
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.
- DWR:
 - Discussion: Operations this week.
- SWRCB:
 - Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan: Expect to issue response by COB Friday.
 - No actions, updates, or discussion items.

Discussion Items

- Annual Consolidated Place of Use (CPOU) Petition for Temporary Change in Water Right:
 - May 24 email noticed a petition of temporary transfer to consolidate places of use (CPOU) of SWP and CVP. The action would transfer up to 428,300 AF water. The question is whether this petition relates to water operations, and whether this action was included in the 2019 Proposed Action and consultation.
 - SWRCB shared that similar petitions are received and processed every year, and it allows the projects to consolidate places of use south of Delta.
 - DWR confirmed that CPOU is an annual submittal. The actions in the petition are transfers and exchanges that take place south of Delta, and they would not result in any changes to the timing or amount of water diverted from the Delta. The transfers and exchanges that occur because of the CPOU are not associated with the transfer component of the 2019 Proposed Action or the 2020 Incidental Take Permit.
 - FWS and NMFS requested additional discussion on whether and how to include these types of nuances to the water transfer proposed action element in the ongoing consultation. DWR committed to circulating the complete CPOU package to WOMT and agreed to discuss internally and report back.
- Meeting schedule for WOMT after SaMT and SMT are no longer meeting:
 - Usual Wednesday meeting times will stay in place, but facilitator will reach out on Tuesdays to see if there is a need to meet. Any WOMT member can request to meet.

Elevation Items

- No elevation items.

Action Items

- Action Item: DWR will send petition to WOMT

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, 6/19/24, federal holiday no meeting
- Wednesday, 6/26/24, 1-1:50pm