



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 10/08/2024

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Alexander Vaisvil, Chase Ehlo
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Brian Schreier, Farida Islam, Katie Osborn
- Water Contractors: Scott Petersen (SLDMWA), Darcy Austin (SWC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Shawn Acuña (MWD), Heidi Williams (Valley Water), Sarah Piramoon (Valley Water), Ian-Buck Macleod (Friant WA), Tom Boardman (WWD), Jose Rangel (WWD)
- Kearns & West: Brittani Bohlke, Marlys Jeane

Review Operations Outlook

- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are at 7,000 cfs and will drop down to 6,800 cfs and hold through at least next week to minimize redd dewatering.
- At New Melones Dam on the Stanislaus River, releases are currently 300 cfs. The fall pulse flow started Monday (10/8) and will range from 250 cfs to 1,500 cfs through November 7th.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are at 1,500 cfs and holding through the week.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, outflows have decreased due to the October X2 modification. Outflows decreased from 9,000 cfs last week to 5,000 cfs today (10/8) and will hold there for a day or two. Releases will decrease after Wednesday to meet the less than 2,500 cfs requirement by 10/15, per the agreement with California Fish and Game.
- JPP exports are at 4,200 cfs.
- Clifton Court exports are at 5,300 cfs today (10/8) and will be adjusted up or down this week depending on how water quality responds.

- DCC Gates were open over the weekend (10/4-10/6) for recreation purposes and were closed Monday (10/8) through Friday (10/11) when they will re-open. The closure is for the Mokelumne River pulse flow requirements for salmon migration.

Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions or comments.

Review PA Assessment (USBR)

Reclamation provided a brief update on the current conditions and operations.

- The Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) started convening again today (10/8) for the season.
- Most rotary screw traps have been installed and a few winter-run have come through, but there will be more updates later in the season.

Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions or comments.

Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

DWR will provide ITP Risk Assessment updates in early November as smelt monitoring begins.

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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
- ITL – Incidental Take Limit

- 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