



# Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 12/17/2024

## Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Thuy Washburn, Alexander Vaisvil, Lillian McCormick, Grace Easterbrook, Cat Pien, Erika Kegel, Tony Yang
- USFWS: Leif Goude
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Farida Islam, Brian Schreier
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Darcy Austin (SWC), Tom Boardman (WWD), Jose Rangel (WWD), Steve Micko (MWD), Deanna Sereno (CCWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Ian Buck-Macleod (FWA)
- Kearns & West: Brittani Bohlke, Marlys Jeane

## Review Operations Outlook

- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are at 4,000 cfs.
- At Whiskeytown Dam on Clear Creek, releases are at 200 cfs.
- At Goodwin Dam on the Stanislaus River, releases are at 200 cfs.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are at 2,000 cfs.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are at 1,750 cfs.
- Federal storage at San Luis Reservoir is about 505,000 acre-feet.
- In the Delta, a First Flush action was triggered on Monday (12/16); so combined CVP and SWP exports will decrease to target -2,000 OMR until January 1. CVP exports are currently 3,600 cfs and are scheduled to decrease to 1,800 cfs starting Thursday (12/19). SWP exports are scheduled to decrease to 500 cfs starting Thursday (12/19).
- DCC Gates were closed on 11/18 and will remain closed through December.
- Tides are transitioning from Spring to Neap; the first quarter moon will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Additional Questions or Comments

- Question: What is the COA split when in excess with restrictions on exports?
  - Answer: It is 65/35.

## Review PA Assessment (Reclamation)

Reclamation provided a brief update on the current monitoring conditions. For more information, please refer to the PA Assessment document.

### Additional Questions or Comments

No additional questions or comments.

## Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

*Facilitator's note: Due to a new ITP, no Risk Assessment document was presented. DWR provided a verbal update.*

- Risk remains unchanged from last week; entrainment risk is high for larval LFS in the Central and South Delta, and entrainment risk is low for larvae, sub-adults, and adults outside of the Central and South Delta.
- Adults and sub-adults continue to be seen at Chipps Island Trawl (about 100 last week).
- SLS 13 recently sampled the Central and South Delta; not all samples are fully processed yet, but a few LFS larvae were collected at station 901 in Old River on Monday (12/16).
- On January 1, the larval and juvenile LFS protection measures will be active.

### Additional Questions or Comments

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
- SRDWSC – Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel
- 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