



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 04/22/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Chase Ehlo, Thuy Washburn, Alexander Vaisvil, Lillian McCormick
- 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: Darcy Austin (SWC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Bobby Phillips (WWD), Brad Cavallo (WWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Sarah PiraMoon (Valley Water), Steve Micko (MWD)
- NGOs: Not in attendance
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Trisha Madayag

Review Operations Outlook

- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 6,500 cfs today and will decrease to 6,000 cfs by tomorrow (4/23). A spring pulse flow will start on the weekend and releases will ramp up to a range of 6,000 cfs to 12,000 cfs.
- At Whiskeytown Dam on Clear Creek, releases are 225 cfs.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are 5,350 cfs with a range of 4,700 cfs to 5,350 cfs. Releases will decrease to 4,700 cfs later this week.
- At Goodwin Dam on the Stanislaus River, releases are 350 cfs with a range of 300 cfs to 1,400 cfs from a spring pulse flow.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases will steadily decrease for storage management, decreasing to 4,000 cfs today, then decreasing to 3,000 cfs tomorrow (4/23), and possibly another decrease this week. Releases will reach the minimum of 1,050 cfs by next week or sooner.
- At JPP, exports are 900 cfs and the range will be 900 cfs to 2,500 cfs.

- CCF exports are 600 cfs and will remain at 600 cfs through May.
- San Luis storage is 1.77 million acre-feet; Federal storage is 844,400 acre-feet.
- DCC Gates have been closed since 11/18/2024.
- Tides are transitioning from Neap to Spring; the new moon will be on April 27th.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions or comments.

Review PA Assessment and Assessment Triggers (Reclamation)

Facilitator's note: Due to the new PA, DMW will only review the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook. Moving forward, Reclamation will potentially produce assessments for relevant salmon and smelt triggers weekly. A review of the PA Assessment may occur if a real-time trigger occurs.

- For Salmon, Reclamation shared that no thresholds are likely to be exceeded heading into next week.
- For Delta Smelt, Reclamation shared that no thresholds are at risk of being exceeded, as the Secchi disk depth was greater than 1 meter last week.

Review Longfin Smelt (LFS) Distribution and ITP Triggers (DWR)

Facilitator's note: Due to the new ITP, DMW will only review the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook. A review of the Risk Assessment may occur if a real-time trigger occurs.

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
- EDSM – Enhanced Delta Smelt Monitoring Program
- 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