



# Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 05/13/2025

## Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Chase Ehlo, Thuy Washburn, Tony Yang, Grace Easterbrook
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Darcy Austin (SWC), Alma Antuna (WWD), Bobby Phillips (WWD), Jose Rangel (WWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Sarah Piramoon (Valley Water)
- NGOs: Not in attendance
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Trisha Madayag

## Review Operations Outlook

- At Whiskeytown Dam on Clear Creek, releases are 200 cfs.
- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 12,000 cfs and will decrease to 9,000 cfs over the next several days.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are 3,500 cfs.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are 1,700 cfs today (5/13) and will hold for the next few days to allow the lake elevation to reach approximately 898 feet to 899 feet maximum. Once the reservoir is topped off, releases will likely increase to match incoming flows and maintain elevation.
- JPP exports are 900 cfs today (5/13) and will increase to 1,600 cfs as appropriate to comply with Footnote 18 of D-1641, based on the three-day average respective share of the 1:1 I/E ratio for CVP exports
- CCF exports are 600 cfs and will likely remain there until the end of May.

- DCC Gates continue to be closed for the season.
- CVP/SWP operations are on track to meet the 28 days of X2 requirements at Chipps Island in May and will continue into early June to meet Chipps Island X2 requirements for June (currently estimated at about 5 days).

#### **Additional Questions or Comments**

- No 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.*

- Reclamation shared that the length-at-date Winter-Run was identified on Sunday, 5/11, with genetic results still pending and expected soon, so operations are proceeding under the assumption of a weekly distributed loss trigger, with a –3,500 cfs OMR threshold guiding operations for 7 days.

#### **Additional Questions or Comments**

- No questions or comments.

### **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 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