



# Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 06/03/2025

## Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Chase Ehlo, Thuy Washburn, Alexander Vaisvil, Grace Easterbrook
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Katie Osborne, Brian Schreier, Farida Islam
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Darcy Austin (SWC), Steve Micko (MWD), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts), Alma Antuna (WWD), Ian Buck-Macleod (Friant Water), Sarah Piramoon (Valley Water), Jennifer Buckman (ARSC)
- NGOs: Not in attendance
- Kearns & West: Mia Schiappi, Trisha Madayag

## Review Operations Outlook

- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 8,500 cfs.
- At Whiskeytown Dam on Clear Creek, releases are 175 cfs.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are 2,500 cfs.
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are 2,100 cfs.
- JPP exports are 3,200 cfs. There is a change order to decrease exports to 2,700 cfs tomorrow (6/4) and to increase on Saturday (6/7) to 3,200 cfs.
- CCF exports are 2,700 cfs. There will be a swap between the State Water Project and Reclamation exports for the next day or so, with Reclamation scheduled to export 2,700 cfs and the State Water Project scheduled to export 3,200 cfs. Further opportunities to reduce releases from Oroville Dam are being considered; however, inflows into the watershed are declining rapidly and as irrigation demands in the Sacramento Valley increase, system depletions will increase significantly.

- DCC Gates will reopen on Friday morning (6/6) at 10am and will close on Monday (6/9) at 10am.
- Federal storage at San Luis Reservoir is 626,000 acre-feet; total storage is 1.29 million acre-feet.
- Tides are transitioning from Neap to Spring Tide; the first quarter moon was yesterday (6/2).

#### **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 no Steelhead were captured or seen in the past week. Monitoring is ongoing for the SaMT offramps, which are based on water temperatures measured at the Mossdale and Prisoners Point stations. The SaMT temperature threshold is 22.2 °C, and the criterion for triggering an offramp is seven consecutive days exceeding this threshold at each location. As of the latest data, temperatures at Prisoners Point have reached 22.2 °C on three nonconsecutive days, while no exceedances have been recorded at Mossdale. Exceedances at both stations are anticipated in the near future.
- The Spring-Run assessment has been distributed to the group via email.

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

- Question: Do all offramps at Prisoners Point, Mossdale, and Clifton Court for both salmonids and smelt need to be met for exports to be free from ESA OMR restrictions?
  - Answer: Yes.

### **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.*

- Reclamation shared that a Clifton Court Forebay offramp has not yet been triggered. The threshold requires water temperatures to exceed 25 °C for three consecutive days. In the last three days, temperatures have been 23.5 °C, 23.8 °C, and 23.6 °C. Conditions are getting close to the threshold but have not yet met the criterion.

#### **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