



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 06/10/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Thuy Washburn, Alexander Vaisvil, Grace Easterbrook, Erika Kegel
- 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), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts), Alma Antuna (WWD)
- NGOs: Ashley Overhouse (Defenders of Wildlife), Greg Reis (Friends of the River)
- Kearns & West: Mia Schiappi, Trisha Madayag

Review Operations Outlook

- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 10,000 cfs.
- At Whiskeytown Dam on Clear Creek, releases are 150 cfs and ranging from 150 cfs to 500 cfs.
- At Nimbus Dam on the American River, releases are 2,500 cfs and holding for this week.
- At Goodwin Dam on the Stanislaus River, releases are 1,700 cfs and ranging from 1,700 cfs to 700 cfs. By this weekend, releases will be 700 cfs then ramp up to 1,200 cfs on Monday (6/16).
- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are 3,500 cfs. Releases were 2,800 cfs yesterday (6/9) and will increase to 4,000 cfs tomorrow (6/11).
- JPP exports are 2,700 cfs and ranging from 2,700 cfs to 3,200 cfs.
- CCF exports are 2,200 cfs.

- DCC Gates were closed on Monday (6/9), will reopen on Friday (6/13), and will close again on Monday (6/16). This is for weekend recreational usage.
- Federal storage at San Luis Reservoir is 588,700 acre-feet; total storage is 1.23 million acre-feet.
- Delta outflow has been decreasing rapidly due to reduced natural flows and increased irrigation demand with warmer weather. In addition, export restrictions for spring outflow protection in April and May expired at the end of May and higher tides are occurring during early June. The combination of these factors has caused salinity intrusion to increase in the Delta. In response, reservoir releases have increased to stabilize water quality in the Delta.
- Tides are transitioning from Spring to Neap Tide; the full moon is tomorrow (6/11).

Additional Questions or Comments

- Question: Will there be a scheduled increase to 3,200 cfs at Jones Pumping Plant?
 - Answer: Yes. There will be a change order being sent tomorrow (6/11) to increase exports to 3,200 cfs starting on Friday (6/13).

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 have been caught and salvaged in the last week.
- The Spring-Run assessment has been distributed to the group via email.

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.

- Reclamation shared that the last adult was detected in the middle of March and the last larvae detected was in the middle of April. The larval and juvenile Delta smelt protection action is still active but has not been triggered. Off ramping of OMR management for smelt will occur when Clifton Court Bay is greater than or equal to 25°C. The last temperature readings were 24.2°C, 23.7°C, and 23.6°C. Conditions are getting closer to the threshold.

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