



Delta Monitoring Workgroup Weekly Meeting

Meeting Record 06/17/2025

Working Group Members in Attendance

- Reclamation: Chase Ehlo, Grace Easterbrook, Alexander Vaisvil, Lillian McCormick
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Katie Osborn, Brian Schreier, Farida Islam
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Darcy Austin (SWC), Alma Antuna (WWD), Steve Micko (MWD), Jose Rangel (WWD), Deanna Sereno (CCWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Ron Milligan (SLDMWA), Ian Buck Macleod (Friant WA), Tom Boardman (CVP SOD Ag Districts), Jennifer Buckman (AR Settlement Contractors)
- NGOs: Not in attendance
- Kearns & West: Marlys Jeane, Trisha Madayag

Review Operations Outlook

- At Oroville Dam on the Feather River, releases are 4,500 cfs.
- CCF exports are 1,700 cfs today (6/17) and will hold for at least the next couple of days.
- At Whiskeytown Dam on Clear Creek, releases are expected to range from 200 cfs to 500 cfs this week.
- At Keswick Dam on the Sacramento River, releases are 11,500 cfs today (6/17) and increasing to 12,000 cfs tomorrow (6/18). Wilkins Slough is being monitored to ensure that there is enough water for downstream contractors.
- At Folsom Dam on the American River, releases are 2,500 cfs.
- At Goodwin Dam on the Stanislaus River, releases are 1,200 cfs and are expected to range from 700 cfs to 1,500 cfs this week.
- JPP exports are 3,200 cfs.

- The X2 Delta Outflow target is 7,100 cfs, but there is also a need to monitor the 0.45 EC water quality standard in the Delta.
- DCC gates are closed during the week and will be opened this Friday (6/20) until further notice reflecting summer operations.
- The combination of reduced natural flows, increased irrigation demand, warmer weather, the expiration of export restrictions during April and May, and higher tides has resulted in significant concerns with water quality in the West Delta, but water quality appears to have stabilized.

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.

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 larval and juvenile entrainment protection is active, but it was not triggered by the last 20-millimeter Survey 7 with a recorded Secchi disk depth of 149. The OMR management season for Delta smelt and Longfin smelt will conclude when three consecutive days of daily mean water temperature at Clifton Court is greater than or equal to 25°C or on June 30, whichever occurs first. The last three days of temperature readings were 23.2°C, 23.5°C, and 23.8°C. Conditions are getting closer to the threshold, but June 30 may be the off ramp date.

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