



Delta Action Team (DAT) Weekly Meeting

Teams call: 5/26/26 at 10:00 a.m.

Participants

- Kearns & West
- State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)
- Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)
- California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- State Water Contractors
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA)
- Friant Water Authority (FWA)
- TABES Consulting, LLC
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Welcome & Housekeeping

- None

Questions/Discussion on Announcements

- None

Weekly Operations Update

Operational Intent

- Operations are being implemented under ITP 8.12.1 for this week.

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Current Operations

DAT reviewed and updated the Fish and Water Operations Outlook document.

- Clear Creek releases at Whiskey Town are currently at 425 cfs and will range between 175 cfs and 425 cfs.
- Sacramento River releases at Keswick Dam are currently at 11,000 cfs and will range between 11,000 cfs and 12,000 cfs.
- Oroville storage was 3.357 MAF as of 5/25. Feather River releases are currently at 1,800 cfs and will increase to 2,050 cfs later today; the range for the week will be between 2,050 cfs and 3,000 cfs.
- American River releases at Nimbus Dam are currently at 2,000 cfs and will range between 1,500 cfs and 2,500 cfs.
- Stanislaus River releases at Goodwin Dam are currently at 1,400 cfs and will range between 1,300 cfs and 1,500 cfs.
- Freeport flows are currently at 7,300 cfs and will range between 7,000 cfs and 11,000 cfs.
- Vernalis flows are currently at 2,100 cfs and will range between 1,800 cfs and 2,200 cfs.
- Delta outflow is currently at 6,800 cfs and will range between 6,500 cfs and 10,500 cfs.
- Clifton Court Forebay (CCF) is currently at 600 cfs and will remain at 600 cfs through the end of May; a small increase is anticipated in early June.
- Rio Vista flows are currently at 3,100 cfs and will range between 7,000 cfs and 9,000 cfs.
- JPF will range between 1,000 cfs and 4,000 cfs.
- Jones Pumping Plant (JPP) exports are currently at 900 cfs and will range between 900 cfs and 1,800 cfs.
- San Luis total storage is at 1.55 MAF; SWP's share is 804 TAF and CVP's share is 752 TAF (77%).
- Daily QWEST is at 4,000 cfs; the seven-day average is 1,400 cfs; the forecasted range is between 1,300 cfs and 3,000 cfs.
- Expected Daily OMR Index is -1,000 cfs; the five-day average is -1,500 cfs; the seven-day average is -1,500 cfs; the 14-day average is -2,500 cfs.

Questions/Discussions on Weekly Fish and Water Operations

- Reclamation noted that the Delta Cross Channel (DCC) gates are currently closed and will be open from 5/30 and close on 6/1.

- WWD asked whether the Collinsville X2 standard or another water quality constraint is limiting exports and whether the controlling factor was the reduction of JPP to a single operating unit at the end of last week.

DWR clarified the controlling factor is the D-1641 Edmonton salinity requirement, which is 450 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ from 4/1 through 6/30. Salinity is currently at 326 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, which is being closely monitored.

- Reclamation noted that it made a declaration of balanced conditions last week due to a combination of factors including high salinity at Collinsville, increasing salinity at Edmonton, and Freeport flows dropping to low levels, which could have reduced outflow.
- TABES Consulting LLC asked whether water quality is expected to remain the controlling factor or return to OMR constraint in June and asked about anticipated temperature off-ramps in early June for salmon and smelt OMR protections.
 - DWR responded that water quality is expected to remain a lingering issue, with high tides anticipated between 6/15 to 6/17.

Reclamation noted that the salmon temperature off-ramp begins in June, and the smelt off-ramp has not yet been reached, as temperatures are fluctuating with changing weather conditions. Both off-ramps are being monitored.

- SWRCB sought alignment with SWP and CVP operators on ongoing balanced conditions in the Delta before imposing curtailments, noting that SWRCB sent an advance notice of Term 91 curtailments on 5/22.
 - Reclamation and DWR confirmed that 5/23 was the date proposed for declaring balanced conditions. Reclamation added that further reductions had been planned at Nimbus but were cancelled, and exports reached minimum levels.
 - SWRCB will send a follow-up email to SWP and CVP operators to coordinate Term 91 curtailments.
- CCWD asked whether DCC gates will be open on 5/31.
 - Reclamation clarified that the gates will be open from 5/30 through 5/31, closing on 6/1.

Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook, Species Tables Updates

- DWR updated Table 3a and provided an overview to date.
- One LAD spring-run Chinook salmon was salvaged on 5/22 and is being processed for genetic analysis on 5/26.
- Total loss numbers for unclipped and clipped loss thresholds remain unchanged.
- See the Weekly Operations report for additional details.

Questions/Discussions on Operations Outlook Species Tables Updates

- None

Proposed Action Assessments

Proposed Action Assessments Update

- Reclamation presented the weekly combined assessment.

Zone of Influence

- Current Delta hydrology falls in the 'lolo' (low-low) category, and 7-day forecasted conditions fall in the 'lomed' (low-med) category.
- The current altered channel length between OMR levels is 60 km for current conditions and 147 km for forecasted conditions. Zone of influence (ZOI) impacts across OMR scenarios are expected to increase between current and forecasted conditions.

Salmonid Proposed Action Assessment

- Action 5 Entrainment Management Season off-ramp trigger for salmonids requires either seven days of daily mean water temperature in June greater than or equal to 22.2 °C at Mossdale and/or Prisoner's Point or to the date of 6/30, whichever comes first. The seven days do not need to be consecutive.

ESA and CESA Osmerids

Proposed Action Assessment

- No actions are at risk of being triggered.

Delta Smelt

- Total count for Delta smelt in WY26 remains 74, including 44 adults and 30 juveniles. Only one salvage occurred this water year.

EDSM 20-mm survey is ongoing, and results are pending genetic analysis.

- Adult Delta smelt action has been off-ramped.
- Conditions are not at risk of triggering action for larval and juvenile Delta smelt, as JPF will be greater than 0 cfs.
- Particle tracking modeling for particles injected at Chipps Island shows 0% particle entrainment at the facilities, indicating low entrainment risk for larval Delta smelt.

Longfin Smelt

- Several larval and juvenile longfin smelt have been detected in surveys. No individuals have been salvaged.

- Conditions are not at risk of triggering action for larval and juvenile longfin smelt, as JPF will be greater than 0 cfs.

Particle tracking modeling for surface-oriented particles injected at Chipps Island and Jersey Point are 0-1.9% across all OMR scenarios.

End of Entrainment Management for Smelts

- The end-of-smelt-entrainment-management season trigger has not been met.

The trigger requires CCF temperatures to reach greater than or equal to 25 °C for three consecutive days, or the date of 6/30.

Questions/Discussions on Proposed Action Assessments

- None

Next DAT Meeting

- The next Delta Action Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 6/2/26.

Action Items

- SWRCB will send a follow-up email to SWP and CVP operators to coordinate Term 91 curtailments.