

Delta Monitoring Workgroup

Meeting Recorded 06/29/2021

Working Group Members & Observers

Attendees:

- Nick Bertrand, USBR
- Josh Israel, USBR
- Ian Smith, USBR
- Suzanne Manugian, USBR
- Randi Field, USBR
- Rafael Lopez Gonzales, USBR
- Elissa Buttermore, USBR
- Ken Kundargi, CDFW
- April Hennessy, CDFW
- Felipe La Luz, CDFW
- Mike Ford, DWR
- Matt Holland, State Board
- Yuan Liu (CCWD), Water Contractors
- Chandra Chilmakuri, Water Contractors
- Darcy Austin (SWC), Water Contractors

Absentees:

- Mario Manzo, USBR
- Liz Kiteck, USBR
- Katherine Sun, USFWS
- Jana Affonso, USFWS
- Jeff Stuart, NMFS
- Kristal Davis-Fadtke, CDFW
- Brett Harvey, DWR
- Farida Islan, DRW
- Kevin Reece, DWR
- Deanna Sereno, Water Contractors
- Heidi Williams (Valley Water), Water Contractors
- Shawn Acuna, Shawn Acuna
- Sheila Greene, Sheila Greene
- Shelby Rinehart (WWD), Shelby Rinehart (WWD)
- Frances Brewster, Water Contractors
- Alison Collins, Water Contractors
- Corey Phillips (MWD), Water Contractors
- Scott Peterson (SLDMWA), Water Contractors
- Lenny Grimaldo (DWR), Observers

Action Items

1. USBR via Facilitator to share data sources excel spreadsheet with DMW.
2. Facilitator to distribute feedback questions to group for input prior to July 8.

Additional Notes on Discussion Items

- Modified Agenda for June 29 DMW meeting to gather feedback on the DMW process this year, for consideration by the LTO coordination group
- Record of group feedback shown on the following page.

Goal:

The DMW will provide information to DWR and Reclamation on species abundance, species distribution, life stage transitions, and relevant physical parameters.

Participants:

The DMW will include technical representatives from federal and state agencies and stakeholders, and the federal and state participants will be the agency leads and/or alternates from the SaMT and SMT. Similar to the federal and state agencies, the SWP and CVP contractors shall identify a lead and alternate participant, who are knowledgeable and have expertise in water operations, monitoring, and fish biology.

Facilitator

Technical Representative (Agency Staff)

Technical Representative (stakeholders)

Content:

The main focus of the DMW meetings (typically Tuesday afternoon occurring after the SaMT/SMT meetings) are to: 1) review hydrologic, operational, fishery, and water quality data; 2) provide opportunities for engagement and discussion among biologist and operators on relevant information and issues; and, 3) review the Proposed Action Assessment and ITP Risk Assessment (See Section IX, Box 5 Agenda).

Process:

Tuesday: As soon as possible, prior to DMW meeting - Reclamation sends fish and water operation outlook and Proposed Action Assessment reflecting Monitoring Teams input. CDFW sends ITP Assessment reflecting Monitoring Teams input.

DMW Agenda

- Introduction
- Review Fish and Water Operation Outlook
- Review PA Assessment and ITP Assessment from SMT/SaMT

Provide information in DMW notes for consideration by DWR and Reclamation.

Wednesday: If changes are made by WOMT, send final assessment to DMW.

Input on the DMW process for consideration by the LTO coordination group

process seems to be working.

appreciate the transparent process and consideration of requests - thanks, Felipe and Ken!

helped to understand the review process and how decisions were made weekly.

would be ideal to have more time to review materials.

consider providing info to DMW at same time as monitoring teams - knowing this is tentative.

Notes feedback?

collect any further feedback on this before next week

Is the information we're basing decisions on easily available to you for review?

give access to DMW members early on if there are online tools

Assessments are pretty comprehensive

Could distribute list of data sources at beginning of season. Much of this is available online.