

Delta Monitoring Workgroup

Meeting Record 11/08/2022

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Nick Bertrand, Randi Field, Brian Mahardja, Elissa Buttermore, Erika Kegel
- USFWS: Leif Goude
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Crystal Rigby, April Hennessey
- DWR: Mike Ford, Nicole Kwan, Brian Schreier, Farida Islam
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Shawn Acuna (MWD), Darcy Austin (SWC), David Vang (WWD), Tom Boardman (WWD), Jose Rangel (WWD), Yuan Liu (CCWD), Deanna Sereno (CCWD), Heidi Williams (Valley Water), Ian Buck-Macleod (FWA), Cindy Meyer (SLDMA)

Review Operations Outlook (USBR, DWR)

- Weather is changing, with widespread rain and mountain snow; precipitation dwindles through the week but a slight chance of precipitation over the weekend and into next week. No significant changes to operations as a result.
- Release from Clear Creek downstream from Whiskeytown Dam is 200 cfs.
- Release from Keswick Dam into the Sacramento River is 3,900 cfs; a change order is in place anticipating 3,800 cfs on Wednesday 11/09/2022 and 3,700 cfs on Thursday 11/10/22 and looking for opportunities for additional cuts.
- Release from Nimbus Dam into the American River is 1,400 cfs, decreasing to 1,300 cfs.
- Release from Goodwin Dam into the Stanislaus River is 200 cfs.
- In the Delta, Vernalis is beginning to flatten around 700 cfs; any changes in precipitation may influence the stability here.
- Flows at Freeport are fluctuating in the 7,600 cfs to 8,000 cfs range.
- Jones Pumping Plant is at 900 cfs with a change order to go to 1,800 cfs in effect 11/09/2022.
- The Delta Cross Channel (DCC) Gates continue to be open on weekends and closed on weekdays to support the Rio Vista flow regulatory requirement and help with salinity and water quality; significant weather patterns would need to change for this operation to change.
- Release from Oroville on the Feather River is 2,300 cfs.

- Exports at Clifton Court are at 1,000 cfs today (11/08/2022) up from 500 cfs yesterday; scheduled to be at 1,500 cfs tomorrow (11/09/2022) and to remain there for a few days depending on water quality.
- . False River Barrier breached on 11/01/2022; Old River at Tracy breached 11/04/22; Grantline Canal breached 11/07/22 and Middle River breach expected mid-month (11/16/22).
- See the Operations Outlook for more information.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions.

Review PA Assessment (USBR)

Reclamation provided the PA Assessment update. For more information, please refer to the PA Assessment document.

Review ITP Risk Assessment (DWR)

DWR provided the LFS update. For more information, please refer to the ITP Risk Assessment document.

Additional Questions or Comments

- The facilitation team announced the proposal to trial a process in which the notes will be reviewed by the whole Delta Monitoring Workgroup team.
- Question: How are you going to handle when someone provides a comment in follow up that was not part of the meeting discussion?
 - Answer: Would flag as a comment received but note that it does not match the facilitation team's recollection of the meeting.
- Elissa Buttermore reminded group of the regular stakeholder calls Wednesday mornings that they can attend and share additional questions and feedback, and to contact her for an invitation to this stakeholder meeting.

Acronyms

- DCC – Delta Cross Channel
- DWR – California Department of Water Resources
- DS – Delta Smelt
- FNU -- Formazin Nephelometric Unit
- GCID – Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
- ITP – Incidental Take Permit
- 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
- PTM – Particle Tracking Model
- SaMT – Salmon Monitoring Team

- SLS – Smelt Larval Survey
- SMT – Smelt Monitoring Team
- SWRCB – State Water Resources Control Board
- TFCF – Tracy Fish Collection Facility
- TUCP – Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- WCS – Winter Run Chinook Salmon
- WQ – Water Quality
- YOY – Young of Year