

Delta Monitoring Workgroup

Meeting Record 11/28/2023

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Nick Bertrand, Elissa Buttermore, Cat Pien, Randi Field, Erika Kegel, Alex Jensen
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Nicole Kwan, Farida Islam
- SWRCB: Matt Holland
- Water Contractors: Shawn Acuña (MWD), Tom Boardman (WWD), Heidi Williams (Valley Water), Darcy Austin (SWC)

Review Operations Outlook (DWR)

- Overall, CVP operations remain consistent due to lack of significant precipitation.
- DCC gates closed on Monday (11/27/23) and are anticipated to remain closed throughout the season.
- Clifton court releases are at 3,000 cfs today (11/28/23) and will be in the 2-3,000 cfs range over the next few days.

Additional Questions or Comments

- **Question:** Regarding the export sharing happening: is that COA driven or is there a point in which the CVP might export more than the State? Are we still paying back water?
 - **Response:** The CVP and the SWP are collaborating to manage exports, with some adjustments still being made for COA accounting. The CVP's exports are anticipated to be comparable to the State's exports in early December.

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

- 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
- FNU – Formazin Nephelometric Unit
- I:E – Inflow to Export
- IOP – Interim Operations Plan
- 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
- PA – Proposed Action (Federal)
- PTM – Particle Tracking Model
- SaMT – Salmon Monitoring Team
- SLS – Smelt Larval Survey
- SMT – Smelt Monitoring Team
- 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