

Delta Monitoring Workgroup

Meeting Record 01/09/2024

Working Group Members in Attendance

- USBR: Randi Field, Nick Bertrand, Alex Jensen, Chase Ehlo, Erika Kegel, Brian Mahardja
- USFWS: Not in attendance
- NMFS: Not in attendance
- CDFW: Not in attendance
- DWR: Mike Ford, Brian Schreier, Nicole Kwan, Farida Islam, Kevin Reece
- SWRCB: Not in attendance
- Water Contractors: Shawn Acuña (MWD), Cindy Meyer (SLDMWA), Scott Petersen (SLDMWA), Jennifer Buckman (ARSC), Chandra Chilmakuri (SWC), Darcy Austin (SWC), Heidi Williams (Valley Water), Yuan Liu (CCWD)

Review Operations Outlook (USBR, DWR)

- Keswick Dam is releasing 5,000 cfs into the Sacramento River with no risk of encroaching in the flood control space; releases will likely continue at this rate for the rest of the week.
- Releases from Goodwin Dam on the Stanislas River are 1,000 cfs to accommodate for the slight encroachment in the flood control space.
- The controlling factor in the Delta remains the OMRI -5,000 cfs.
- Salinity conditions are currently favorable in the Delta.
- Not expecting first flush conditions this week.
- Refer to the Weekly Fish and Water Operations Outlook for more information.

Additional Questions or Comments

- No additional questions or comments.

Review PA Assessment (USBR)

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

Additional Questions or Comments

- **Question:** Where was the Steelhead salvaged?
 - **Answer:** At the CVP Tracy Fish Collection Facility.

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

- **Question:** Will there be any genetic identification conducted on the decomposing DS that was found?
 - **Answer:** There will be an attempt, but we do not yet know the timeline of getting the results. Will inform DMW when the results are in.
- **Question:** Is the LEPS survey happening this year?
 - **Answer:** Yes, it started last week but the results have not been reported at the SMT. This is not intended to be a real time monitoring program; therefore the samples do not get processed with the same priority as SLS samples.

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