

Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – June 10th, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – ~~Randi Field~~, Levi Johnson
- DWR – Tracy Hinojosa, ~~Bryant Giorgi~~
- USFWS – Matt Nobriga, Jana Affonso
- NMFS – ~~Darren Howe~~, (acting: Kyra Fitz)
- CDFW – ~~Kristal Davis-Fadtke~~
- SWRCB – Matthew Holland, Diane Riddle
- NGO – Ashley Overhouse, ~~Devon Pearse~~
- NOD PWA – Thaddeus Bettner, ~~Jeff Sutton~~
- SOD PWA - Scott Petersen, ~~Deanna Sereno~~
- State PWA - Chandra Chilmakuri

Topics/Actions

Approval of Meeting Notes from last week: Approved

Upcoming Meetings

Delta Action Team (DAT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 06/16/2026

American River Group (ARG meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed):
06/18/2026

Clear Creek Technical Team (CCT meets quarterly on third Thursday): 06/18/2026

Sacramento River Group (SRG) (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 06/17/2026

Stanislaus Watershed Team (SWT meets monthly on third Wednesday):
06/17/2026

Shasta Operations Team (SHOT meets as needed): TBD

Relevant Assessments

- 20260609 Combined Salmon and Smelt Assessment
- 20260609 Fish and Water Operations Outlook

Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 800 cfs. Whiskeytown Dam releases varied at 175 cfs (Spring Pulse flow deploying on the 15th ranging between 150 cf up to 750 cfs; ending 6/26). Keswick Dam releases at 11,500 cfs. Nimbus Dam releases at 1,100 cfs (increase to 2,000 cfs on 6/12). Goodwin Dam releases at 1,700 cfs (decrease to 700 cfs on 6/13; D1641 Vernalis Base Flow). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 2,800 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 710 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is closed (scheduling weekend openings to support recreation).
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 4,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 500 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 734 TAF.
- Hydrology: Temperatures are warming up and no precipitation is forecasted.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
 - Update: American River Temperature Management Plan
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
 - Update: Clifton Court Herbicide Application
 - Update: Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- CDFW:
 - ~~No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.~~
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
 - Update: Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan
- NGO:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NOD PWA:
 - No upcoming actions or discussion items.

- Update: Planting Update
- SOD PWA:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- State PWA:
 - ~~No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.~~

Discussion Items

- Update: American River Final Temperature Management Plan (TMP)

Reclamation plans to have the Final TMP for the American River out by the end of next week.

- Update: Clifton Court Herbicide Application

DWR will conduct an herbicide application beginning on June 28, 2026. The Clifton Court Forebay gates will remain closed for 24 hours before and after the application. As the application date approaches, an email will be distributed for awareness.

- Update: Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates

DWR will operate the SMSCG continuously for 60 consecutive days starting when BDL, Belden's Landing, average salinity is 4PSU or July 1, whichever comes first.

- Update: Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan

SWRCB will provide Reclamation with their letter regarding the Sacramento River TMP.

- Update: Planting Update
- NOD PWA's report that 20,000 to 30,000 acres of land within the Sacramento River settlement contractor service area went unplanted due to spring conditions. As a result, NOD PWA's are informing the group of a reduction in demands of approximately 60,000 to 80,000 acre feet of water that will not be diverted and could improve Shasta Reservoir storage. The NOD PWAs will be working to get a more accurate acreage total in the next few weeks.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.