

# Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – ~~Tracy Hinojosa, Bryant Giorgi~~ (Acting: Priscilla deLamare)
- USFWS – Matt Nobriga, Jana Affonso
- NMFS – Darren Howe
- ~~CDFW – Kristal Davis-Fadtke~~
- SWRCB – ~~Matthew Holland~~, Diane Riddle
- ~~NGO – 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): 06/23/2026

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

- 20260615 Combined Salmon and Smelt Assessment
- 20260616 Fish and Water Operations Outlook

## Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 1,000 cfs (decrease on 7/3 to 450 cfs; Trinity ROD flows through July 3<sup>rd</sup>). Whiskeytown Dam releases 750 cfs (late Spring Pulse flow between 6/15 through 6/26). Keswick Dam releases at 11,500 cfs (increase on 6/21 to 12,000 cfs for Delta Requirements). Nimbus Dam releases at 2,500 cfs (increase on 6/18 to 3,000 cfs for Delta Requirements). Goodwin Dam releases at 1,700 cfs (decrease on 6/18 to 1,400 cfs; decrease on 6/19 to 700 cfs; increase on 6/22 to 1,700 cfs; D1641 Vernalis Flow). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 900 cfs (OMRI -5000, strong tidal new moon occurring 6/14 through 6/18). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 673 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is closed (closed until water quality improves).
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 4,500 cfs (increase on 6/18 to 5,000 cfs). Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 300 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 699 TAF.
- Hydrology: No precipitation in the forecast; temperatures are cooling but trending warmer through next week.

## Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
  - No upcoming actions items.
  - Update: American River Temperature Management Plan
  - Update: OMR Management
  - Update: Green Sturgeon
  - Update: Guidance Documents
- DWR:
  - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- 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, updates, or discussion items.

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

## Discussion Items

- American River Temperature Management Plan

Reclamation released the American River Temperature Management Plan on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

- OMR Management

Delta smelt off ramp from OMR occurred on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Green Sturgeon

Reclamation collected 1 green sturgeon (expanded to 4) over the weekend. Reclamation is currently consulting NMFS regarding green sturgeon and continuing to provide technical assistance. A draft Green Sturgeon Assessment is expected later this week and Reclamation is looking for DAT input on the assessment. It will summarize monitoring data related to green sturgeon this water year to help better understand what is happening with the population.

- Guidance Documents

Reclamation is accepting comments for the Sacramento River Group Guidance Document; comments due Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Action Items

- No Action Items.

## Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.