

Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – August 12th, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – ~~Randi Field, Levi Johnson~~ (Acting: Joel Fenolio)
- DWR – ~~Tracy Hinojosa, Bryant Giorgi~~ (Acting: Mike Ford)
- USFWS – Matt Nobriga, Jana Affonso
- NMFS – Darren Howe
- CDFW – ~~Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Erica Meyers~~
- 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): Concluded for WY

American River Group (ARG meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed):
08/20/2026

Clear Creek Technical Team (CCT meets quarterly on third Thursday): 09/17/2026

Sacramento River Group (SRG) (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): Ad Hoc: 08/18/2026 (Fall Pulse), 08/20/2026 (TDM Modeling) and Regular Meeting: 08/27/2026

Stanislaus Watershed Team (SWT meets monthly on third Wednesday):
08/19/2026

Shasta Operations Team (SHOT meets as needed): TBD

Relevant Assessments

- N/A

Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 450 cfs (Summer Base Flow, anticipating Flow Augmentation for Klamath). Whiskeytown Dam releases 100 cfs. Keswick Dam releases at 13,000 cfs (for Delta Requirements). Nimbus Dam releases at 5,000 cfs. Goodwin Dam releases at 250 cfs (D1641 DO & Vernalis). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 4,200 cfs (D1641 Water Quality Requirements Jersey Point). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 396 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is open.
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 8,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 7,180 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 760 TAF.
- Hydrology: Somewhat cooler this week but dry.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - Actions: Keswick Releases
 - Updates: Sacramento Temperature Management Plan
 - Discussion: WTMP Meteorology Linkage
- 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.
- NGO:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
- NOD PWA:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
 - Discussion: 1% Redds Dewatering Clarification
- SOD PWA:
 - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.

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

Discussion Items

- Keswick Release

Reclamation change order this week to decrease Keswick releases to 11,000 cfs due to decreasing in-basin uses by Aug 16th

- Sacramento Temperature Management Plan

Reclamation anticipates updated information being available prior to the Aug SRG meeting (8/20) in time for technical discussions on results and how those may inform water temperature management.

Currently Reclamation is updating temperature runs to inform TDM. When TDM complete, Reclamation would send out prior to the ad hoc meeting on the 20th.

- WTMP Meteorology Linkage

WTMP team discovered issue with the linkage to the meteorology data in the Shasta models. The issue was resolved and an alpha study release will be available in the next few days.

- 1% Redds Dewatering Clarification

NOD PWA seeks clarification from the group regarding their understanding of the redd dewatering analysis in the 2024 NMFS Biological Opinion—specifically, whether it is based on 1% of found carcasses or expanded data. NMFS responds by directing the group back to the LTO Proposed Action and the NMFS Biological Opinion.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 19th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.