

Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – August 19th, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – Tracy Hinojosa, Bryant Giorgi
- USFWS – Matt Nobriga, Jana Affonso
- NMFS – ~~Darren Howe~~ (Acting: Carrie Skorcz)
- CDFW – ~~Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Erica Meyers~~
- SWRCB – ~~Matthew Holland~~, Diane Riddle
- NGO – ~~Devon Pearce~~
- 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): 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): 08/24/2026

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 10,500 cfs (decrease to 10,000 cfs on 8/20). Nimbus Dam releases at 4,500 cfs (decrease to 4,000 cfs on 8/21). Goodwin Dam releases at 225 cfs (D1641 DO & Vernalis decrease to 200 cfs on 8/20). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 4,600 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 399 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 802 TAF.
- Hydrology: Warm temperatures and no precipitation in forecast.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions.
 - Update: Green Strugeon
 - Discussion: Fall Release Ramp Down
 - Discussion: Sacramento River Group Ad Hoc
 - Update: WTMP
- 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, updates, or discussion items.
- ~~SOD PWA:~~

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

Discussion Items

- Update: Green Strugeon

Two additional Green Strugeon were salvaged since last update. A revised assessment containing the two new salvaged fish is in the review process now and expected to be distributed to the DAT by the end of the week. Reclamation requesting a timeline of one week for comments on the assessment.

- Discussion: Fall Release Ramp Down

Informing FAWOG of the first in a series of meetings discussing the FRRD that occurred on the 18th. Planning for the FRRD is expected to continue.

- Discussion: Sacramento River Group (SRG) Ad Hoc

The upcoming SRG meeting on 8/20 is to discuss the adjustment to the TMP and movement of the compliance location and temperature target; in particular, the target 56°F at CCR. This is a notice to FAWOG, that based on further discussions at the SRG Reclamation is poised to respond as soon as possible with a potential FAWOG Ad Hoc meeting, which could occur late Thursday or Friday. Reclamation is also open to exchanging information via email rather than wait until the regularly scheduled meeting next week. Reclamation is seeking feedback from the group on concerns for availability. Reclamation has updated TMP analysis and expects to have it distributed by the end of the day today.

- Update: WTMP

The following is an update to the WTMP mentioned last week: The past issue with the model has been resolved. Reclamation anticipates presenting a sensitivity analysis at tomorrow's SRG Ad Hoc meeting. This information will also accompany the handouts to be sent out today. The information will describe modeled water temperature results of the pre and post-resolution of the meteorology inputs.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 26th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.