Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – September 2nd, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – ~~Tracy Hinojosa~~, Bryant Giorgi
- USFWS –~~Matt Nobriga~~, Jana Affonso
- NMFS – ~~Darren Howe~~ (Acting Paula Higginson)
- 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): Ad Hoc #1 09/11/2026 (Power Bypass SDM); 09/17/2026

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 09/08/2026 (Fall Release Ramp Down Planning); 09/24/2026

Stanislaus Watershed Team (SWT meets monthly on third Wednesday): 09/16/2026

Shasta Operations Team (SHOT meets as needed): met on 08/24/2026

Relevant Assessments

- N/A

Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 1,200 cfs (Flow Augmentation for Klamath). Whiskeytown Dam releases 100 cfs (increase to 125 cfs on 9/4). Keswick Dam releases at 8,000 cfs (decrease to 7,500 cfs on 9/5; Instream Demands and Delta outflow). Nimbus Dam releases at 2,500 cfs (Instream Demands and Delta outflow). Goodwin Dam releases at 200 cfs (D1641 DO & Vernalis WQ). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 4,300 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 432 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is open.
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 8,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 6,500 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 861 TAF.
- Hydrology: Small precipitation event occurring in Northern third of the state today and continuing into tomorrow. Then moving toward a dry and warmer forecast.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
    - No upcoming actions.
    - Update: SRG Temperature Management Plan
    - Update: SRG Fall Release Ramp Down Planning
- 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: SRG Temperature Management Plan (TMP)

Reclamation provided a brief update from a more detailed email distributed on 9/1/2026 by Reclamation that presented operating criteria downstream for temperature management on the Sacramento River. Reclamation is moving to the next phase operating to 55°F between the 1st through the 15th of September at Clear Creek (CCR) then operating to 56°F between 16th and October 31st with the biological goal to provide maximum protection of winter-run salmon. Reclamation will continue to monitor and provide information to the SRG and make tools accessible through the SRG discussions.

- Update: SRG Fall Release Ramp Down Planning

The 3rd planning meeting occurred yesterday, September 1st, alternative scenarios are explored via this planning group. New CVP operation outlooks for September are anticipated to come in the middle of the month to further advance information for decision making and expect discussion to be ongoing as information becomes available.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.