Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – September 9th, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – ~~Tracy Hinojosa~~, Bryant Giorgi
- 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): 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): 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 125 cfs. Keswick Dam releases at 7,000 cfs (Instream Demands and Delta outflow). Nimbus Dam releases at 2,500 cfs (Instream Demands and Delta outflow; decrease to 2,100 on 9/11). Goodwin Dam releases at 200 cfs (D1641 DO & Vernalis WQ). Jones Pumping Plant exporting 4,300 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 435 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is open.
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 7,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 7,180 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 894 TAF.
- Hydrology: Warm weather through tomorrow with a cooling trend beginning Friday.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
    - No upcoming actions, updates, or discussion items.
    - Update: Green Sturgeon
    - Update: SRG Fall Flow 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:
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Discussion Items

- Update: Green Sturgeon

Over the week, on September 6th, one green sturgeon tail-length 438mm was salvaged at the CVP. This expanded salvage to 4 fish with a cumulative salvage of 36 green sturgeon. Reclamation is bringing awareness to a draft assessment and looking for feedback by September 9th. Reclamation is not aware of any comments received yet. Reclamation anticipates updating the assessment based on comments received and updated salvage information during the week of September 14th. Reclamation will send out a new draft to DAT and FAWOG and additional feedback will go into a final WY2026 green sturgeon assessment presented to DAT and FAWOG in early October.

- Update: SRG Fall Flow Planning

Reclamation is following up from past meeting about the planning group that has been meeting weekly. There was no meeting this week as a result of the holiday and data availability. Meeting will resume next week and hope to finalize operation intent with ongoing dynamics that are needed for planning. Reclamation is encouraging those to provide feedback at the future meeting. Anticipating formalizing and moving to FAWOG and getting the plan for the season.

Question: What additional information are we waiting to learn before the upcoming meeting.

Reclamation – Adding updates on winter-run salmon spawning locations and elevations, which may have not been available this week. That information will presumably be available next week and provided to group members. There are a number of proposal scenarios for decision and we are looking to narrow those down for a final decision.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.