Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – September 23rd, 2026

Members Attending

- Reclamation – Randi Field, ~~Levi Johnson~~
- DWR – ~~Tracy Hinojosa~~, Bryant Giorgi
- USFWS –Matt Nobriga, Jana Affonso
- NMFS – Darren Howe, (Acting: David Reynolds)
- CDFW – ~~Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Erica Meyers~~
- SWRCB – Matthew Holland, Diane Riddle
- NGO – ~~Devon Pearse, Jon Rosenfield~~
- 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; resuming 10/06/2026

American River Group (ARG meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): Ad Hod 9/24; 10/15/2026

Clear Creek Technical Team (CCT meets quarterly on third Thursday): TBD

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): 10/21/2026

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

Relevant Assessments

- N/A

Operational Updates

- CVP: Lewiston Dam releases at 450 cfs. Whiskeytown Dam releases 225 cfs (Increase to 250 cfs on 9/25 for temperature management). Keswick Dam releases at 6,000 cfs (Instream Demands and Delta outflow). Nimbus Dam releases at 1,800 cfs (Instream Demands and Delta outflow). Goodwin Dam releases at 200 cfs (D1641 DO & Vernalis WQ; October Fall Pulse Flow). Jones Pumping Plant exporting between 2,700 - 3600 cfs (Delta outflow and WQ; Maintenance between 9/14 through 9/24; increase to 3,600 cfs on 9/25). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 475 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 941 TAF.
- Hydrology: Forecast continuing with dry weather and moderate temperatures.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
    - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
    - Update: Stanislaus Watershed Team
    - Update: Delta Action Team
    - Update: American River Group
- 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: Stanislaus Watershed Team

A draft fall pulse plan was distributed to the SWT and no comments were received on the draft. Currently the plan would occur between October 14th through November 4th with three peaks up to 1,500 cfs and troughs of 250 cfs. If Reclamation receives no further comment, the plan will be finalized and sent to the SWT.

- Update: Delta Action Team

The Delta Action Team will hold its first meeting of the water year on October 10th, 2026. Some items to be covered are Delta Cross Channel operations, in coordination with East Bay Municipal Utility District and fall flow actions. Additionally, looking at wrapping up the OMR Seasonal report and submittal to the DAT.

- Update: American River Group

The ARG is holding a Structured Decision Making (SDM) Ad Hoc meeting for Temperature Management – Power Bypass on September 24th, 2026.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 30th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.