Fish and Water Operations Group Notes

Water Year 2026 – September 30th, 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, 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): 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): 10/22/2026

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 275 cfs (Increase to 300 cfs on 10/01 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 600 cfs (D1641 DO & Vernalis WQ; October Fall Pulse Flow). Jones Pumping Plant exporting between 4,200 cfs (Delta outflow and WQ; Maintenance between early October through mid-October). Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 488 TAF. Delta Cross Channel is open (closing 10/01 and reopening on 10/02 for recreation).
- SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases at 8,000 cfs (decreases beginning 10/03 through 10/15 towards 2,400 cfs). Clifton Court Forebay allotment is 7,180 cfs (decrease to 6,680 on 10/01). State share of San Luis Reservoir is 977 TAF.
- Hydrology: Heat wave in the forecast with dry conditions.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
    - No upcoming actions or discussion items.
    - Update: Green Sturgeons
- 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.
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- ~~NOD PWA:~~
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- SOD PWA:

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

Discussion Items

- Update: Green Sturgeon

Reclamation collected 2 additional juvenile Green Sturgeons during the regular count on the 25th. Bringing the total number of counted Green Sturgeon to 13 and the expanded salvage up to 44 for the Water Year. One fish was emaciated and barely gilling. The other fish was alive and released. The fish carcass was transferred to UC Santa Cruz earlier this week.

Action Items

- No Action Items.

Elevation Items

- No Elevation Items.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, 2-2:50 p.m.