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RECLAMATION

## Stanislaus Watershed Team

10 a.m.–12 p.m., Stanislaus Watershed Team Notes  
<https://www.usbr.gov/mp/bdo/stanislaus-watershed-team.html>

### Wednesday, June 15, 2022

1. New Actions
  - a. Liz Kiteck – check in with Peggy Manza regarding providing earlier notice of flow changes to ensure the safety of worker in the field.
  - b. K&W – speak with Barb Byrne and Melissa Vignau about the possibility of K&W directly pulling temperature information from SacPAS for monthly SWT packets.
  - c. K&W – include Gretchen Murphey in the monthly request for materials.
  - d. K&W – reach out to Elissa Buttermore for the most up to date “Proposed Action” table and ask for an updated table in the fall.
  - e. Erin Foresman – reach out to JD Wikert regarding Stanislaus River water curtailments.
  - f. Spencer Marshall – look into posting the WY 2021 Annual Report on the SWT website
2. Introductions
  - a. USBR: Liz Kiteck, Spencer Marshall, Brad Hubbard, Elissa Buttermore
  - b. NMFS: Katrina Poremba, Barb Byrne
  - c. USFWS: JD Wikert
  - d. CDFW: Gretchen Murphey, Crystal Rigby, Gabe Singer, Ryan Kok
  - e. SWRCB: Yongxuan Gao, Chris Carr Erin Foresman, Michael George

- f. SSJID: Brandon Nakagawa
  - g. OID:
  - h. Stockton East:
  - i. Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District:
  - j. DWR: Vinh Giang
  - k. WAPA: Michael Prowatzke
  - l. FISHBIO:
  - m. PSMFC: Austin Galinat, Logan Day
  - n. Kearns & West: Karis Johnston, Mia Schiappi, Rafi Silberblatt
3. Announcements
- a. None.
4. Operations Update and Forecasts/Hydrology
- a. Daily Operation Report:
    - i. Stanislaus River releases out of Goodwin were 800 cfs on 6/15/22. Operations are focused on meeting Vernalis D-1641 flow requirements. Flows may increase 50 cfs throughout the next week.
  - b. New Melones:
    - i. Storage is currently approximately 827 TAF and is steadily declining.

Questions/Comments:

- CDFW asked USBR for earlier flow change notices to ensure the safety of workers in the field.
5. Water Temperature Updates
- a. NMFS provided an overview of Temperature Updates (see Figure 9).
  - b. Water Temperature Updates
    - i. Temperatures are typical for this time of year.
6. Flow Planning
- a. The Stepped Release Plan drop to 150 cfs has not occurred because of downstream demands.
7. Stanislaus River Forum (SRF) Call Review

- a. FishBio was unable to attend the SRF meeting but sent out information after the call.

## 8. Fish Monitoring and Studies

- a. FishBio pulled the weir on 5/23/2022 and ceased sampling.
- b. Seven spring-run Chinook (all ad-clipped) were detected at the Stanislaus weir between March 1 to May 23.
- c. Mossdale catch has remained low throughout the season. There have been no salmonids caught in June and monitoring has been decreased to three days per week. Three *O. mykiss* were caught in May.
  - i. Beginning in July CDFW will begin doing a split crew with USFWS.
- d. All sampling has ceased at the FishBio's Oakdale rotary screw trap. Sampling at Pacific State's Caswell trap ended on 6/8/2022. There will not be any new rotary screw trap updates until the next water year.
- e. The federal offramps for temperature are when Mossdale water temperatures exceed 71.6 ° F for seven days in June, which has occurred and management of salmonids in Old and Middle River is no longer necessary for the water year.

## 9. Restoration Project Updates

- a. JD Wikert is working with a group to submit one or more Stanislaus River Restoration projects to the recent DWR grant solicitation.
- b. If anyone would like to work on proposals for restoration projects, they should reach out to JD Wikert.

## 10. Progress Update on Proposed Action Elements

- a. USFWS requested that USBR provide the SWT with monthly status updates on the proposed action elements.

## 11. Other Discussion Items

- a. Curtailments
  - i. SWRCB updated the curtailment list, which can be found at the SWRCB curtailments website:  
<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/delta/#tableau>
  - ii. As of 6/15/2022 post 1914 appropriative water, pre 1914 appropriative water right claims, in San Joaquin Basin.
  - iii. The list of water rights exceptions can be found here:  
<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drought/delta/curtailment-compliance-and-responses.html>

- b. Annual reporting check-in
  - i. The Final WY 2021 Annual Report is currently being written.
- c. Items to elevate to WOMT
  - i. There were no items to elevate to WOMT

12. Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday, July 20, 2022 (10am-12pm)