

Klamath Project 2018 Hydrologic Update Meeting #2 March 20, 2018

Summary Points

- The Court Order requires:
 - Surface flushing flow of 6,030 cubic feet per second (cfs) for 72 hours (*November 1 – April 30*)
 - Deep flushing flow of 11,250 cfs for 24 hours (*February 15 - May 31*) (**Not required in 2018**)
 - Reserve 50,000 acre-feet (AF) by April 1 for emergency dilution flows (*April 1 - June 15 or 80% outmigration, whichever occurs first*)
- The Court Order also requires:
 - Paragraph 2: In all other respects the 2013 Biological Opinion on Klamath Project operations and incidental take statement remain in effect pending completion of the reinitiated formal consultation.
 - Paragraph 3: In no event shall the mitigation measures interfere with the conditions necessary to protect endangered suckers.
 - Paragraph 13: Reclamation will manage the Klamath Project (Project), including deliveries from Upper Klamath Lake, in a manner that will not preclude the ability to provide Reserve Water to implement up to 50,000 AF of emergency dilution flows and/or interfere with its ability to meet its obligations under the Endangered Species Act with regard to endangered suckers and/or their critical habitat.
- Developing hydrology and the Court Injunction prevents Reclamation from being able to fully define and commit to a Project allocation and start date at this time.
- Reclamation developed a proposal, that if approved by the Court, would allow Reclamation to establish an allocation and start date.
- The United States is working on/negotiating a schedule that would have our proposal filed with the court on Friday, March 23.
- Filing will be publically available through a press release, on the KBAO website, and distributed to KWUA, and District managers.
- The parties are working on/negotiating a schedule that would allow us to move the hearing date up a week. The request, if granted, would move the hearing date from April 11 to April 4