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Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
µg/L	microgram per liter
7DADM	7-day average daily maximum values
AB	assembly bill
AF	acre-feet
AMP	adaptive management plan
AMS Team	Adaptive Management Science Team
Aquatic Study Plan	Stone Corral Creek and Funks Creek Aquatic Study Plan
Authority	Sites Project Authority
BAFF	bioacoustic fish fence
Basin Plan	Water Quality Control Plan
Bay-Delta Plan	Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan
Big Notch Project	Yolo Bypass Fremont Weir Big Notch Project
BiOp	biological opinion
BMP	best management practice
Boards	State Water Board and the nine regional water quality control boards
CBD	Colusa Basin Drain
CCHAB Network	California CyanoHAB Network
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CCWD	Contra Costa Water District
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CEFF	California Environmental Flows Framework
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CFGF	California Fish and Game Code
C.F.R.	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	cubic feet per second
CIMIS	California Irrigation Management Information System
CM3	CALSIM Model Maintenance Management
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Database
CO _{2e}	carbon dioxide equivalent

Acronym	Definition
COA	Coordinated Operation Agreement
CT	central tendency
CTR	California Toxics Rule
CUL	Tribal Traditional Culture
cumecs	cubic meters of water per second
CVP	Central Valley Project
CVPIA	Central Valley Project Improvement Act
CWC	California Water Commission
D-1641	State Water Resources Control Board Revised Water Right Decision 1641
DCP	Delta Conveyance Project
DDSFT	Daily Divertible & Storable Flow Tool
DDT	dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
DEI	diversity, equity, and inclusion
DEI Resolution	State Water Resources Control Board Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resolution
Delta	Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta
Division	Division of Water Rights
DO	dissolved oxygen
DOC	dissolved organic carbon
DPM	Delta Passage Model
DSOD	Division of Safety of Dams
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EBMUD	East Bay Municipal Utilities District
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EJ	environmental justice
ELT	Early Long-Term
EO	Executive Order
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FMWT	Fall Midwater Trawl
FR	Federal Register
Framework	Framework for the Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Plan

Acronym	Definition
ft/s	feet per second
GAMA	groundwater ambient monitoring and assessment
GCID	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
GHG	greenhouse gas
GIS	geographic information system
GSP	Groundwater Sustainability Plan
HAB	harmful algal bloom
HRTW	Human Right to Water
I/O	inlet/outlet
IOS	Interactive Object-Oriented Simulation
ITA	Indian trust asset
ITP	incidental take permit
KLOG	Knights Landing Outfall Gates
km	kilometer
LAFCo	Local Agency Formation Commission
LAND	Local Agencies of the North Delta
LMP	Land Management Plan
MAF	million acre-feet
MCL	maximum contaminant level
mg/kg	milligram per kilogram
mg/L	milligram per liter
mm	millimeter
MMRP	Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
MPUD	Maxwell Public Utility District
MRR	minimum release requirement
MS4	municipal separate storm sewer system
MSR	Municipal Service Review
MUSD	Maxwell Unified School District
NAA	No Action Alternative
NAHC	Native American Heritage Commission
NDFA	North Delta Flow Action (aka North Delta Food Subsidy)
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
ng/L	nanograms per liter
NGO	non-governmental organization

Acronym	Definition
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NODOS	North of Delta Offstream Storage
NOI	Notice of Intent
NOP	Notice of Preparation
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
OBAN	Oncorhynchus Bayesian Analysis
OEHHA	California Office of Environmental Health Hazards Assessment
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
PFR	Plan Formulation Report
PGP	pumping generating plant
PMF	probable maximum flood
Project	Sites Reservoir Project
PST	Pacific standard time
RBDD	Red Bluff Diversion Dam
RBPP	Red Bluff Pumping Plant
RDEIR/SDEIS	Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Reclamation	Bureau of Reclamation
RMP	Reservoir Management Plan
ROC on LTO	Coordinated Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP
ROD	Record of Decision
ROG	reactive organic gas
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SacEFT	Sacramento River Ecological Flows Tool
SacWAM	Sacramento Water Allocation Model
SALMOD	Salmonid Population Modeling
SB	Senate Bill
SBRS	<i>Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement in Support of Proposed Voluntary Agreements for the Sacramento River, Delta, and Tributaries Update to the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Water Quality Control Plan</i>
SGMA	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
SRWQM	Sacramento River Water Quality Model

Acronym	Definition
STARS	Survival, Travel Time, and Routing Simulation
State	State of California
State Water Board	State Water Resources Control Board
SUB	Subsistence Fishing
SURF	California Department of Pesticide Regulation's Surface Water Database
SWP	State Water Project
SWP ITP	Incidental Take Permit for Long-Term Operations of the State Water Project in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta
SWPPP	stormwater pollution prevention plan
TAF	thousand acre-feet
TAF/yr	thousand acre-feet per year
TBU	Tribal Beneficial Use
TCCA	Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
TC Canal	Tehama-Colusa Canal
TDS	total dissolved solids
TMDL	total maximum daily load
TMP	traffic management plan
TRR	Terminal Regulating Reservoir
T-SUB	Tribal Subsistence Fishing
UAIC	United Auburn Indian Community
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USRDOM	Upper Sacramento River Daily Operations Model
VMT	vehicle miles traveled
Water Boards	State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards
WIIN	Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation
WRLCM	Winter-Run Life Cycle Model
WSE	water surface elevation
WSIP	Water Storage Investment Program
WUA	weighted usable area
ww	wet weight

Acroynm	Definition
WWTF	wastewater treatment facility
WWTP	wastewater treatment plant
WY	water year