



## Notes

Water Operations Management Team  
July 22, 2020

### Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Mike Ford, Kaylee Allen, Matt Nobriga, Garwin Yip, Kristal Davis-Fadtke

### Members Not Attending

Howard Brown, Carl Wilcox

### Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 7/15/2020 WOMT Meeting Notes: approve, subject to updating state share of SLR from 1 MAF to 769 TAF
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity 450 cfs; reducing releases at Shatsa on Friday to 11,500 cfs; Folsom reducing from 4,000 cfs to 3,500 cfs, may be few more small changes. Peak of irrigation season, some of the diversion may scale back in August. Lots of transfer water in the system. Tracy Pumping is at 4,300 cfs, plus moving water at Banks for CVC and transfers. Stanislaus releases are 200 cfs. Merced transfers are helping to meet flows at Vernalis, although Reclamation has only seen a max of 1,800 cfs of the 2,000 cfs released making it to Vernalis. Federal SLR is 222 TAF.
  - Reduced releases to Feather, 3,000 cfs. Assessing further decrease of 300 cfs. Delta Vernalis flows are peaking, expect to see it decrease over coming week. Exports are at 4,400 cfs and will decrease as Vernalis flows decrease. Herbicide application in Clifton Court Forebay July 28 and 29. State SLR is about 769 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
  - Revised Operational Outlook: Edit needed to be incorporated in the Fish and Water Outlook
  - Clear Creek Technical Team: Next meeting is September 17
  - Sacramento River Temperature Management: SRTTG meeting tomorrow at 1pm.
  - Feather River Operations Group: None
  - American River Modified Flow Management Standard: ARG meeting last Thursday, next meeting Thursday, August 20

- Stanislaus River Stepped Release Plan: No update
- Delta Summer/Fall Habitat Tracking: Next meeting in August.
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation:
    - Folsom Power Bypass Memo passed out at ARG, comments are requested by the end of July.
    - Folsom, pulling the Upper Shutter due to low water surface elevation. Normal activity, first time since the drought we've needed to do this, but wanted folks to be aware that it can cause sudden, up to 4 degrees F, drop in temps.
    - Trinity Fall Flow Augmentation – Discussions between Reclamation-NCAO and NMFS-Arcata Office are starting and will be informed by developing real-time conditions come August. Reclamation's forecast included this as a release of 50 TAF, but exact volume and how it is shaped will be updated over the real-time conditions over the coming months.
    - Clear Creek – We are seeing data inconsistencies at Clear Creek. We lost some of the communication in the Carr Fire. We now rely upon local staff to get data, and seems like things are off on cold water pool. Our team is working with the local staff and will share more information with the WOMT as it is available.
  - DWR: none
  - FWS:
    - Lodi had to pull Mossdale Trawl for the summer due to workload and staffing (COVID-19).
    - Dan Castleberry is retiring at the end of the month. Bob Clarke, Donnie Ratcliff, then Kaylee Allen will each be successively acting for a month over the next three months.
    - EDSM are finding delta smelt, started when they went back to Kodiak trawling.
  - NMFS: none.
  - CDFW: none, but noted no delta smelt were caught in Summer townet survey.
- Discussion Items
  - NMFS reminded folks of the notification process required in the BiOps, came up as part of the two weeks required for herbicide application. No elevation was noted, beyond a reminder to remember these notification timelines.
  - Some of the winter-run stuck at the Keswick trap were successfully fished out using a fire hose, not sure how many remain trapped. Understanding is there's an issue with the gate and that there are ongoing discussions between USFWS and Reclamation, Kaylee/Matt will provide an update next week.

- Review Elevation Items
  - Elevation Issues: none
  - Director Meeting Topics: none

### **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, July 29, 1 pm, Teams “Call” Only