



# Water Operations Management Team Notes

September 2, 2020

## Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Mike Ford, Kaylee Allen, Matt Nobriga, Howard Brown, Garwin Yip, Carl Wilcox, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Diane Riddle

## Members Not Attending

Molly White, Erik Ekdahl

## Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 8/26/2020 WOMT Meeting Notes: approved.
- Operational Updates
  - CVP: Trinity River at 450 cfs, supplemental flows for the Lower Klamath River is not needed due to cooler water temperatures, fish holding patterns, and lack of disease; Keswick Dam releasing 7,500 cfs, SRTTG update call at 11 a.m. had no objection to a reduction on Tuesday to 7,000 cfs; American River at 2,250 cfs, temperatures are ok; The upcoming weekend will be hot, Shasta closed PRGs and is scaling back on Trinity River diversions; Stanislaus River at 200 cfs, Ripon Gage replaced yesterday; Delta pumping at 4,300 cfs, including ~500 AFD of groundwater substitution and 400 AFD of Cross Valley; San Luis at 251 TAF.
  - SWP: Oroville complex at 2,100 cfs to the Feather River, expect to hold at 2,100 cfs for the week with potentially a decrease to 1,950 cfs next week, Storage at 1.71 MAF. Clifton Court at 1,950 cfs, anticipate 1,500-2,000 cfs for the week. Daily outflow in the 5,000 cfs range, which is higher than required, watching water quality in the West Delta at Jersey Point for compliance with Contra Costa standards. State share in San Luis is 970 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
  - Revised Operational Outlook
  - Clear Creek Technical Team: Next regular meeting Thurs. 9/17
  - Sacramento River
    - Temperature Task Group: Next meeting Thurs. 9/24
    - Scheduling Team: Next meeting Tuesday
  - Feather River Operations Group: Next meeting Thurs. 9/3
  - American River Group: Next Meeting Thurs. 9/17

- Stanislaus River Watershed Team: Next Meeting Wed. 9/16
- Delta Summer/Fall Habitat Tracking: no updates
- Klamath Fall Flow Augmentation Meeting: updates provide above.
- Upcoming Actions
  - Reclamation:
    - Issue at Tracy Fish Facility at 3 a.m.; outage to one unit that is ramping back up now.
    - Interest Based Negotiation Training is set for September 17 and 22.
  - DWR: Conversations with SWRCB on conditions under which Term 91 curtailments might end .
  - FWS: Comments on Delta Smelt Supplementation Strategy
  - NMFS: None
  - CDFW: Spring-run JPE workshop next week September 8-10.
  - SWRCB: Clarification on JPOD and Sacramento River Temperature Protocol Letter.
- Discussion Items:
  - Shasta Operations: seeking advice on operating for the next few months on flows to minimize winter-run Chinook salmon redd dewatering now versus temperature management later. A meeting last Friday did not include Reclamation and information was not provided until Tuesday, resulting in a loss of ability to preserve cold water for winter-run Chinook salmon later in the season.
    - Opportunities for Data Sharing: There is a need to support transparent sharing of information.
    - Opportunities to Support Technical Staff Input: We need technical staff to speak up and provide information, even if preliminary, not specific, or do not explicitly represent agency position.
    - CDFW on the circumstances
    - NMFS: NMFS will look to include Reclamation on information.
    - Consider discussion in the fall Shasta workshop to review the operational season.
  - American River Weir Installation: Working through the process for lowering flows. The action necessitates ramping down flows faster than proposed, and commits to discussion with ARG on variances. This may be one of the last years given the construction of a new fish ladder. The purpose of the changes was to increase transparency with ARG, so Reclamation will consider an email to ARG similar to the communication with NMFS to meet the expectation. Reclamation to confirm the construction schedule of the weir replacement.
- Review Elevation Items
  - Elevation Issues: none
  - Director Meeting Topics: none.

## Next Meeting

- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1 pm, Teams “Call” Only