



Water Operations Management Team Notes

November 18, 2020

Members Attending

Kristin White, Liz Kiteck, Molly White, Mike Ford, Jana Affonso, Matt Nobriga, Barb Byrne, Kristal Davis-Fadtke, Josh Grover, Erik Ekdahl, Diane Riddle

Topics/Actions

- Approval of the 11/4/2020 WOMT Meeting Notes (No Veterans Day WOMT): approved, with amendment to 1.7 winter-run juveniles estimated
- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Trinity at 300 cfs as the base flow for the winter; change at Keswick to 4,400 cfs this morning and looking for opportunities to reduce; American River at 1,250 cfs; Stanislaus River at 200 cfs; Delta Cross Channel Gates closed Monday and through the weekend for Rio Vista criteria, Stockton precipitation helps with both outflow and Rio Vista flow. Reclamation would like to open the Cross Channel gates once more before Dec. 1 to freshen the Delta; export pumping at 2 units targeting 1,800 cfs; San Luis storage as of yesterday at 381 TAF.
 - SWP: Oroville at 2,450 cfs and holding for now, temperatures are looking good at 50-51°F; exports around 2,000 cfs; San Luis at 540 TAF.
- Relevant Assessments
 - Revised Operational Outlook: The JPE is still to be determined and the outlook reflects last year's JPE.
 - Clear Creek Technical Team: temperatures are set for the winter.
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group: Next meeting Thurs. 11/19
 - Upper Sacramento Scheduling Team: meeting as needed, confirmation received from SRSC Monday or Tuesday that we are on track, dry conditions in the basin may prevent full realization of ramping plans.
 - Feather River Operations Group: Next meeting 11/19, then 12/3
 - American River Group: Next meeting 11/19

- Stanislaus River Watershed Team: Next meeting Wed. 12/16, planning winter instability flows for Jan./Feb.
- Delta Cross Channel Operations: no elevation from SaMT nor Smelt Monitoring Teams. Finalizing updates to the Guidance Document tomorrow.
- Upcoming Actions
 - Reclamation: Water Education Foundation water leader mentee shadowing at a December WOMT meeting, if acceptable. All WOMT members supported.
 - DWR: Ag barriers breached and wrapping up full removal.
 - FWS. None.
 - NMFS & CDFW: Working on a joint interim winter-run Chinook salmon juvenile production estimate letter to be issued by Dec. 31 to support implementation of ITP daily loss triggers. Potentially a mid-January update.
 - SWRCB: none.
- Discussion Items:
 - Fall-Run Dewatering: 600 shallow fall-run redds actively tracked, will have an update in December.
 - December Directors Kickoff Meeting, DWR to Schedule, Proposed Agenda. Slides may be used. Agencies should have draft talking points/slides ready to share at the 12/2 WOMT meeting:
 - Reservoir Storage/Status (Reclamation, Kristin)
 - Long-Range Weather (DWR, Molly)
 - Winter-Run (NMFS, Garwin)
 - Longfin Smelt (CDFW, Kristal)
 - Delta Smelt Larval Actions (FWS, Jana)
 - OMR Flow Management (Reclamation)
 - WY 2021 Directors Meeting frequency
- Elevation Items
 - Elevation Issues: none
 - Director Meeting Topics: none

Next Meeting

- Happy Thanksgiving, No WOMT on 11/25, Ad Hoc as needed.
- Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1 pm, Teams “Call” Only