

Water Operations Management Team Notes

Water Year 2025 – March 26, 2025

Members Attending

- Reclamation: Present
- USFWS: Present
- CDFW: Present
- NMFS: Present
- DWR: Present
- SWRCB: Present

Topics/Actions

- 3/19/2025 Meeting Notes: Approved for Final
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Salmonid Monitoring Team (SaMT, meets weekly on Tuesdays): 4/1
 - Smelt Monitoring Team (SMT, meets as needed on Tuesdays, met on): 01/28
 - Feather River Operations Group (meets monthly first and third Thursdays): 4/3
 - American River Group (meets monthly on third Thursday, and as needed): 4/17
 - Stanislaus River Watershed Team (meets monthly on third Wednesday): 4/16
 - Clear Creek Technical Team (meets quarterly on third Thursday): 6/19
 - Sacramento River Group (meets monthly on the fourth Thursday or more often as needed): 3/27
 - Shasta Operations Team (SHOT, meeting frequency and timing TBD)
 - Winter-run JPE Sub-Team (as needed): met on 12/20
- Relevant Assessments
 - 20250325 Fish and Water Operations Outlook
 - DWR Spring-run Weekly Assessment 2025-03-25 outline (still under development)

- Operational Updates
 - CVP: Current Trinity River release is 1,700 cfs, with a pulse flow scheduled from March 21st to April 15th. Clear Creek (Whiskeytown Dam) release is 275 cfs. Sacramento River (Keswick) release is 8,500 cfs. American River (Nimbus) release is 1,350 cfs. Stanislaus River (Goodwin) release is 200 cfs. Jones PP Delta exports are at 3,500 cfs. Federal share of San Luis Reservoir is 804 TAF. Delta Cross Channel Gates are closed and will remain closed until May, unless there is a water quality issue.
 - SWP: Feather River (Oroville-Thermalito Complex) releases are at 11,000 cfs. Clifton Court Forebay exports are at 2,000 cfs. State share of San Luis Reservoir is 1.012 MAF.
- Hydrology Update: The weather will undergo a transformation from drier and warmer conditions to cooler and more unsettled weather tonight. A more active pattern bringing widespread rain, snow and winds is expected to move into Northern California Sunday night. Chances of rain and snow increase with this pattern, but confidence in model predictions remains low.

Upcoming Actions, Updates or Discussion Items

- Reclamation:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
 - Wants to continue yesterday's discussion at ad hoc WOMT
- USFWS:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
- CDFW:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
 - Wants to elaborate on objectives of weekly salvage thresholds versus annual loss thresholds
- NMFS:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
 - Wants to discuss SaMT's request for clarification of weekly steelhead protections.
- DWR:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.
- SWRCB:
 - No upcoming actions or updates.

Discussion Items

- See 3/25/25 WOMT Ad Hoc meeting notes for details
- It was decided that SaMT's request for clarification of the weekly steelhead loss protections applying to "loss" or "salvage" should be discussed at the Sub-Director level. The Sub-Directors, not WOMT, will provide guidance to SaMT on this issue.

Action Items

- None

Elevation Items

- Directors are meeting Thursday, March 27th to provide guidance to WOMT re: appropriate OMRI requirements in light of exceeding the hatchery WR 100% annual loss threshold.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 1:00-1:50 p.m.