

WOMT Notes

February 25, 2014 Meeting

1. General Information:

CVP: *Keswick Release @ 3,250 cfs*

Nimbus Release @ 500 cfs

Goodwin Release @ 200 cfs

Jones Pumping Plant @ 800 cfs

X-channel Gates: Closed

Federal Share of San Luis @ 370 TAF

SWP: *Oroville Release @ 950 cfs*

Clifton Court Allotment @ 700 cfs

State Share of San Luis @ 308 TAF

Freeport Flow approx. 7,400 cfs

Vernalis Flow approx. 600 cfs

Delta Outflow approx. 6,300 cfs

SWRCB: Public workshop tomorrow (2/26) on drought actions to take statewide; Real-Time Drought Team discussing water balance and drought barriers; Legislature beginning discussions on Emergency Drought legislation.

Current Water Project Operations Status: Last week, projects operated to meet February Delta Outflow minimums of no less than 7,100 cfs (3-day average); this past weekend (beginning Sunday) and this week, project exports will be at TUC-mandated minimum public health and safety levels while project

reservoir releases continue at minimal levels; two storms are forecast this week: the first beginning late Wednesday and the second beginning late Friday.

NMFS – Biological Opinion for CV Salmonids, Steelhead, Sturgeon:

- (1) OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs (January 1 – June 15 requirement);
- (2) No advice from DOSS, therefore no NMFS determination necessary.

USFWS – Delta Smelt : At current and projected export levels, the risk of entrainment to Delta smelt is low, therefore no change in operations is recommended per SWG; No determination from USFWS.

DFW – Longfin Smelt : Current export rates are protective of Longfin Smelt at this time. Continue w/ Incidental Take Permit Condition 5.3, which limits Barker Slough Diversion Rates to no greater than 50 cfs on a 7 day running average basis until March 31 or earlier if no larval Longfin Smelt are detected at Station 716 in subsequent surveys. Currently in field conducting updated field surveys.

2. WOMT Decisions - None