

## WOMT Notes

### December 30, 2014 Meeting

#### 1. General Information:

##### CVP

- *Keswick Release to upper Sacramento River @ 3250 cfs*
- *Nimbus Release to lower American River @ 900 cfs*
- *Goodwin Release to Stanislaus River @ 200 cfs*
- *Jones Pumping Plant @ 2850 cfs*
- *Delta Cross-Channel Gates: Closed.*
- *Federal Share of San Luis 277 TAF*

##### SWP

- *Oroville Release to Feather River @ 950 cfs*
- *Clifton Court Allotment @ 3800 cfs*
- *State Share of San Luis @ 525 TAF*

##### Delta

- *Freeport Flow approx. 26,000 cfs*
- *Vernalis Flow approx. 1200 cfs*
- *Delta Outflow approx. 19,000 cfs*

### **OMR (cfs):**

- INDICE (as of 12/29/2014):

Daily: -5430 cfs

5-day: -5300 cfs

14-day: -4850 cfs

- USGS (as of 12/27/2014):

5-day: -4470 cfs

14-day: -4540 cfs

### **FISHERY UPDATES:**

- **DOSS** – Reviewed the usual agenda; highlights were: estimated that approx. more than 95% of young-of-year winter-run, 50% young-of-year spring-run, and 80-90% of yearling spring-run salmon are in the Delta; RPA Action IV.2.3 (OMR Management) goes into effect January 1, 2015; JPE-based loss density trigger for winter-run implementing OMR no more negative than -3500 cfs (for at least 5 days) defaults to minimum 2.5 fish per TAF exports until NMFS issues final JPE number.
- **SWG** – The SWG agreed that the conditions for, and potential benefit from, implementing Action 1 have passed, and is now following guidance in the BiOp for Action 2. The SWG agreed, therefore, to recommend that project exports should result in OMRs no more negative than -5000 cfs on a 14-day running average with a simultaneous 5-day running average no more negative than -6250 cfs. The SWG stated that OMR flows more negative than -5000 cfs would not be protective. Notwithstanding the recommendation, there was uncertainty expressed by some members as to whether OMR flows of no more negative than -5000 cfs would maintain the “low turbidity” region in the south Delta, currently believed to inhibit Delta Smelt movement to the export pumps. For this reason, the SWG recommends that should turbidities at interior stations, part of the "turbidity gap" as defined by Delta Conditions Team, reach or exceed 10 NTU, or

should any salvage of Delta Smelt occur, OMR flows should not be more negative than -2000 cfs on a 14-day running average with a simultaneous 5-day running average no more negative than -2500 cfs.

- **NMFS** – No determination
- **USFWS** – Is considering the recommendations of the SWG, but no determination has been made at this time
- **DFW** – No determination, no salvage

**SWRCB:**

- **Division of Water Rights** – Nothing to report
- **Office of Delta Watermaster** - Nothing to report

**2. WOMT Decisions** - None