

WOMT Notes

February 24, 2015 Meeting

1. General Information- Operations:

CVP

- *Keswick Release to upper Sacramento River @ 3,250 cfs*
- *Nimbus Release to lower American River @ 800 cfs*
- *Goodwin Release to Stanislaus River @ 300 cfs (decreased due to some improvement of EC at Vernalis)*
- *Jones Pumping Plant @ 850 cfs (reduced due to salvage of 1 delta smelt on 2/21/15)*
- *Delta Cross-Channel Gates: Closed*
- *Federal Share of San Luis 364 TAF*

SWP

- *Oroville Release to Feather River @ 950 cfs*
- *Clifton Court Allotment @ 3,250 cfs (exports to manage turbidity)*
- *State Share of San Luis @ 907 TAF*

Delta

- *Freeport Flow approx. 13,300 cfs*
- *Vernalis Flow approx. 800 cfs*
- *Delta Outflow approx. 9,900 cfs*
- *E/I Ratio approx. 17% (14-day avg.)*

- X2 approx. 72 km

OMR (cfs):

- INDEX Calculation (as of 2/21/2015):
Daily: -5027
5-day: -4704
14-day: -5115
- USGS Tidally Filtered (as of 2/21/2015):
Daily: -4940
5-day: -4350
14-day: -4714

FISH UPDATES:

- **DOSS** – Met this morning, but had no advice; The group began employing an entrainment risk matrix, similar to Smelt Working Group, as follows:

Range between -1250 and -2000 = Medium Risk of Entrainment
Range between -2000 and -3500 = Medium to High Risk of Entrainment
Range between -3500 and -5000 = High Risk of Entrainment
Greater than -5000 = Higher Risk of Entrainment

- **SWG** - Met yesterday; group evaluated OMR matrix as follows:

Range between -1250 and -2000 = Low Risk of Entrainment
Range between -2000 and -3500 = Medium Risk of Entrainment
Range between -3500 and -5000 = High Risk of Entrainment

Potential for higher level of risk if conditions change or turbidity increases in the Central Delta.

- **DFW** – Export rates are protective of Longfin Smelt at this time; therefore, DFW has no recommendations for changes in operations. Decision was based on information from smelt larval study #4, early warning sampling, and other delta conditions.
- **NMFS** – No determination at this time.
- **USFWS** – No recommendation at this time.

SWRCB:

- **Division of Water Rights:** The Board held a workshop on February 18 regarding the Executive Director's TUC Order and the Drought Contingency Plan submitted in January. The Board decided to hold another, follow-up workshop on March 4. The Board is considering all comments received; no specific changes were disclosed. Between now and March 4 (or possibly a little thereafter), the Executive Director may formally revise the TUC Order.

On February 4, the Board sent out an informational order requiring all riparian and pre-1914 claimants within the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Watersheds to submit:

- A. The monthly amounts of water diverted and the basis of right allowing for the diversions for 2014, and the anticipated monthly amount of water to be diverted under each separate claim of right for 2015.
- B. Identification of the point of diversion and place of use for each diversion of water, the type of water right being claimed for each point of diversion, the purpose of use, and the place of use being served with acreage and crop type, if applicable.

Claimants are required to report the above information to the Board by March 6, 2015.

The question arose about how the "cost" of reduced exports is being memorialized and accounted for since these decisions are not being made in WOMT, but in a daily Directors' call instead. No definitive answer was provided. Resolution is pending.

2. WOMT Decisions - None