

## **CALFED OPERATIONS COORDINATION GROUP**

### **MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

October 22, 2003

#### **Handouts**

1) CALFED OPS GROUP Operations Briefing Package, dated October 22, 2003; Guy Masier, DWR.

2) Delta Smelt Recovery Index, no date; Ryan Olah, FWS.

3) State Water Resources Control Board Notice of Public Workshops, dated October 14, 2003, Gita Kapahi, SWRCB

#### **Announcements**

None

#### **SWRCB Activities**

As of December 31, 2003 the Division of Water Rights will no longer be funded from the State's General Fund, they will be under fee based funding. On October 14, 2003 the SWRCB sent out 18,000 notices to water right holders including the Bureau or its contractors regarding proposed water rights fees. The Statute allows the Board to charge the USBR or its contractor's fees. There will be 2 workshops: one on October 27, 2003 in Sacramento and the other in Ontario on November 3, 2003. The SWRCB website ([www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov)) has information on the proposed fees including a frequently asked questions sheet, the regulations and a listing of the proposed fee schedule. Under the proposal, over 9,000 of the 13,000 permittees and licensees water rights holders are subject to a minimum fee of \$100.

Term 91 ACL order is going to the Board for closed session in December. There is no regularly scheduled Board meeting in December, if there are no protests, this will likely be approved in January.

A meeting took place on October 9, 2003 with SWRCB, CCWD, USBR and DWR to discuss the Water Level Response Plan and Water Quality Response Plan.

State Board staff is recommending granting of a waiver of the dredging criteria of the Water level Response Plan for the purpose of allowing the Cross Valley/Musco Olive delivery under Joint Point of Diversion. USBR will contact CCWD to discuss the waiver and potential water quality impacts. South Delta Water Agency recommended a condition that the water would be for CVC use only and not be transferred or exchanged. State Board staff will more than likely add that condition and add the condition that if there were any fishery impacts then the pumping would be ceased.

Tri-Annual review of D-1641 should kick off in January. Hopefully a notice will be sent out soon.

## **On-Going Activities Related to the Ops Group**

### Status of Response Plans

Long term Water Level Response Plan and Water Quality Response Plan are being worked on. A meeting was held on October 9, 2003 to clarify required content of the response plans. Attendees were SWRCB, CCWD, USBR and DWR.

Fish Protection Plan - Agencies will work on better identifying how all D-1641 requirements will be met. This Plan is required for Stage 2 of Joint Point of Diversion.

### **Fishery Status**

#### Chinook

Fall run just starting to come up. Fish appear to be in good shape. Flows and temperatures on the American are good. The first Fall Run Chinook was salvaged at the Tracy Fish Facility on October 15, 2003.

#### Steelhead

17 Steelhead were spotted at Watt Avenue on the American River. A conference call is scheduled for Thursday October 30, 2003. Shutters may be pulled the first week of November.

#### Delta Smelt

Recovery data hand out was discussed.

#### Splittail

No issues reported.

## **Work Group Activities**

### OFF Update

No Update

### DAT Update

The first DAT call was on Tuesday October 7, 2003. Regular weekly DAT calls will begin on October 28, 2003. The phone number 657-4111 has been reserved.

## **Operations Status**

The CALFED Ops Group Operations Briefing package was discussed.

The Delta has been in balanced conditions since July 1, 2003. October has been a dry month so far, with no precipitation. Currently Delta Outflow is 3,500 CFS. Clifton Court is exporting 3,500 CFS. Feather River release is just under 2,500 CFS. South of Delta demands are not quite being met with Banks pumping. State share of San Luis Reservoir is about 600,000 acre-feet. Release from Keswick is at 6,800 CFS. Release from Nimbus is at 2,000 CFS. Goodwin release is at 975 CFS for the fall attraction pulse flow. Goodwin will stay at 975 CFS through October 28, 2003, then will ramp down to 250 CFS by October 31, 2003 which flows will most likely stay through November and December. Tracy is pumping approximately 4,300 CFS. Completed Yuba to EWA transfer. Shasta and Oroville storage is under the flood control levels. Folsom Reservoir is just a little over the flood control level.

### Delta Operations Criteria

Currently the 4,000 CFS Monthly Average Delta Outflow is controlling. With the dryer conditions Rio Vista minimum flow could be a concern. November standards are 4,500 CFS minimum monthly average Net Delta Outflow and Contra Costa Chlorides standard is 250 mg/l.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

2003 B2/EWA Accounting Presentation