

CALFED OPERATIONS COORDINATION GROUP

MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS

1:00 PM – 3:25 PM

May 26, 2004

Handouts

1) CALFED OPS GROUP Operations Briefing Package, dated May 26, 2004; Guy Masier, DWR.

2) Draft Potential Modification of Roe X2 Implementation, dated May 26, 2004; Richard Denton, Contra Costa Water District.

Announcements

No announcements.

SWRCB Activities

SWRCB has received the draft Water Level Response Plan and the draft Water Quality Response Plan. The plans do not include responses from South Delta. The board has not had a chance to look at the plans.

COE permit looks to be in place and the comment period is going on now.

Periodic Review – The staff draft report will hopefully be done soon and on the street as a public document. Be ready to go with issues in September/October time frame.

USBR recirculation study is making progress.

On-Going Activities Related to the Ops Group

Salmon Genetics

Sheila Green did a presentation on Salmon Genetics Testing.

Status of Response Plans

Water Quality Response Plan – The board has received draft of plan, but has not had a chance to look at it.

Long Term Water Level Response Plan – The board has received draft of plan, but has not had a chance to look at it.

Fish Protection Plan – Continuing work on Fishery Protection Plan. Projects are considering a request to submit a plan for 2004 only instead of a long-term plan. The Operation Criteria & Plan and

Biological Opinions will be completed this summer and the B.O.'s may contain relevant information for a long-term plan.

OCAP Consultation

Targeting end of June for distribution of the BA and OCAP.

Fishery Status

Chinook

Not too much going on. The redd and carcass survey for the winter-run Chinook by helicopter should start soon.

Steelhead

No update/report

Delta Smelt

20 mm survey going on this week. 3 samples in the South Delta found no Delta Smelt. More are being found towards the confluence. Clifton Court and Tracy numbers have come down.

Splittail

No update/report.

Work Group Activities

OFF Update

Richard Denton did a presentation on Roe Island X2. Vernalis standard was discussed. Off will meet in future to develop recommendations for alternative operations to meet Roe Island objectives.

DAT Update

Regular weekly DAT calls are being held. Shoulders on VAMP were discussed.

WOMT Update

Ramp up to combined 1,500 CFS by Friday and 1,000 more/day after that thru Monday.

Head of Old River Barrier being removed. Grant Line Barrier will be closed on June 1, 2004. Flap gates open on Middle & DMC Barriers on June 1, 2004.

Flexing E/I ratio possibly in June. Will have to wait and see how conditions play out prior to making the decision.

Operations Status

CVP/SWP Operations Status

The CALFED Ops Group Operations Briefing package was discussed. (Any significant point or changes should be noted). Reclamation requested reinitiation of consultation with NMFS to move temperature compliance point from Bend Bridge to Jellys Ferry for winter run Chinook Salmon. Court Order increased Trinity River release to 650 TAF.

Delta Operations Criteria

Delta W.Q. or E/I standards not controlling at present.

San Joaquin River Operations

Vernalis flow objective for June is 1420 CFS. It may take more flow from New Melones in June to meet the standard.

EWA Operations

EWA accounting was discussed. EWA may end the year with a little bit of debt.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Update on Roe Island standard alternative ops.