

CALFED OPERATIONS COORDINATION GROUP
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS

1:00 – 4:00
April 26, 2006

Handouts:

1. CALFED OPS Meeting Agenda 26 April 2006
2. Preliminary b(2) Accounting October 2005 – September 2006
3. Factors Affecting Delta Smelt Survival

Announcements: Richard Denton leaving the Contra Costa Water District. A new lead for the OFF group will have to be designated.

Presentation: Pelagic Organism Decline Investigation (T. Sommer) – Discussed possible factors that could be effecting delta smelt survival.

SWRCB Activities

1. Cease and Desist Order: 4 petitions received and 4 recommendations received. All are posted.
2. CALSIMIII workshop was held to address San Joaquin River representation
3. Ongoing review of 1995 Water Quality Control Plan. Process should be completed by the end of the year.
4. Yuba County Water District temporary water transfer to EWA approved on April 10.

On-Going Activities Related to the OPS Group

1. Status of Response Plans: Agencies still working on draft of Fishery Response Plan
2. Vernalis Flow Outlook: VAMP Technical Committee recommended the two distinct export periods, a low export period in the first part of VAMP and a higher export period in the latter part.

Fishery Status:

1. Winter-Run: Past the “At Risk Period”. Cumulative Loss: 2,574, numbers declining. Aerial redd survey to begin first week of May.
2. Spring Run: Did not get past ½ of the incidental take.
3. Steelhead: Salvage low, 955 Cumulative Loss.
4. Green Sturgeon: On April 7 the Green Sturgeon was listed as a threatened species, . July 6th it will become effective. Listing as threatened will be beneficial as it will allow the choice of take measure. Two workshops will be held to solicit information from the public.
5. Delta Smelt: Spring Kodiak survey indicates that smelt are ready to spawn. They are away from the influences of the pumps. Not any are reported in salvage since 22 April. Temperatures are good for spawning.

Work Group Activities:

1. DAT Update: No recommendations for operations. The flows are high, salvage is low, and density is low.
2. WOMT Update: The VAMP export level as recommended by the VAMP Committee was discussed by WOMT with no final decision on the export level as of 25 April.
3. OFF: Nothing to report.

Operations Status: SWP/CVP Operational Status Handout.

CVP: Clear Creek is currently at 200 cfs. Keswick is over 20,000 cfs ramping down to 6,000 cfs by the 5th of May, so ACID can put in the diversion dam. Folsom inflows still high, currently release is at 13,000 cfs. Goodwin is 5,500 cfs, inflows steady. Friant Dam release to the San Joaquin River is currently 7,000 cfs. Tracy operating 2 units. VAMP San Joaquin River flows upstream of Merced at 11,000 cfs.

SWP 100% Allocation April 18. Article 21 water 1.6 MAF, 500 TAF has been taken. Oroville storage at 3 MAF. Clifton Court intake at 3,700 cfs thru the week. San Luis SWP share 1.06 MAF, CVP share .97 MAF. Vernalis holding at 30 to 31 thousand cfs

Delta has been in excess condition since December 22, and will probably continue through May and June. This is the second wettest April, and the sixth wettest water year. Possibility X2 will trigger in May.

EWA Update: EWA operations updated

B(2) Update: Covered accounting through February , About 75.6 TAF of b(2) used. Small amount of b(2) used from March through to date with probably less than 100 TAF use overall

Next Meeting May 24, 2006