

Key Dates for Water Year 2007 Operations

January

- CALFED Ops Group
 - If the January 8-River Index is between 1.0 and 1.5 MAF, discuss if modification of February export/inflow ratio is necessary and, if so, establish the modified value. (Prior discussions have concluded a linear interpolation should be used as the default method.)
 - If the January 8-River Index is between 650 and 900 TAF, discuss if the February starting salinity must be met.
 - Discuss delta smelt concern indicators and consultation trigger conditions as needed.
 - Consider recommending closing the Delta cross-channel gates for fish protection.
- DWR and Reclamation
 - Predict the 8-river Index for January and the corresponding February requirements if the index is less than 900 TAF.
 - Provide updates to CVP/SWP estimates of project supplies and temporary water supplies (i.e., Section 215 water, Article 21 water, unscheduled supplies).
 - Provide a preliminary assessment of Central Valley Project water supply at water users' conference.
 - Evaluate the closure of Delta cross-channel gates.
 - Have new Fishery Protection Plan in place.

February

- SWRCB Decision 1641
 - Modify the March outflow requirement if February is extremely dry.
- CALFED Ops Group
 - Discuss listed fish species status relative to incidental take statement "concern level" and consultation trigger conditions (as needed).
- DWR
 - Update SWP water supply allocation.
 - Publish the first of four official hydrologic forecasts in Bulletin 120.
- Reclamation
 - Submit a February forecasted plan of operations to NMFS for review of compliance with the Winter-run Chinook Salmon biological opinion. Subsequent submittals are made each month.
 - Announce initial water supply allocation for the CVP based on 90 percent exceedence hydrology.

- Close the Delta cross-channel gates for fish protection per D-1641.
- Management Agencies
 - Update Juvenile Production Estimates.
 - Update Salmon Decision Tree as needed.
 - Review Delta Smelt Decision Criteria as needed.

March

- CALFED Ops Group
 - Review San Joaquin River pulse flow requirements and predictions for tributary flows, and modifications of pumping in response to San Joaquin River salmon abundance and distribution.
 - Discuss listed fish species status relative to incidental take statement “concern level” and consultation trigger conditions (as needed).
- DWR
 - Publish the second Bulletin 120.
 - Update SWP water supply allocation.
- Reclamation
 - Update CVP water supply allocation.
 - Submit to FWS an operating plan for the April-May pulse flow.

April

- Begin VAMP
- SWRCB Decision 1641
 - Modify the May and June X2 requirements if the predicted May estimate of the Sacramento River Index is less than 8.1 MAF at the 90 percent exceedance level.
- CALFED Ops Group
 - If the predicted May estimate of the Sacramento River Index is less than 8.1 MAF at the 90% exceedance level, review May and June X2 requirements.
 - Discuss listed fish species status relative to incidental take statement “concern level” and consultation trigger conditions (as needed); consider implementation of a pre-VAMP export reduction to protect juvenile delta smelt, if indicated by decision criteria.
- DOI
 - Present plan of (B)(2) use for water year 2007 and preliminary accounting to date.

- DWR
 - Publish the third Bulletin 120.
 - Update SWP water supply allocation.
 - Install and operate temporary barriers in the southern Delta.
- Reclamation
 - Update the water supply allocation for the CVP.
 - Provide annual runoff forecast for purposes of determining the annual volume of water to be released to the Trinity River.
 - Sacramento River Temperature Task Group meets to plan temperature operations for the winter-run Chinook salmon.
- Management Agencies and Project Agencies
 - Present plan of EWA use for water year 2007 and preliminary accounting to date.

May

- CALFED Ops Group
 - Consider timing of closure of Delta cross-channel gates for 14 days between May 21 and June 15.
 - Discuss delta smelt concern indicators and consultation trigger conditions (as needed).
 - Discuss whether to extend VAMP pumping rate (“shoulder”) until end of May and begin ramping in June
 - Discuss whether to extend real-time monitoring beyond June.
- DWR
 - Publish the final hydrologic forecast in Bulletin 120. The water year classification is set based on the 50 percent exceedence hydrology.
 - Update SWP water supply allocation.
- Reclamation
 - Update the CVP water supply allocation.
 - In coordination with the American River Operations Group and B2IT, prepare an American River temperature operations plan.

June

- CALFED Ops Group
 - Consider the timing of closure of Delta cross-channel gates for 14 days between May 21 and June 15.
 - Discuss delta smelt concern indicators and consultation trigger conditions (as needed).

October

- Management Agencies & Project Agencies
 - Presentation to the EWA Science Review Panel.

November

- CALFED Ops Group
 - Consider recommending closing the Delta cross-channel gates for fish protection.
- DOI
 - Finalize the (B)(2) accounting for WY 2007.
- Reclamation
 - Evaluate any recommendations to close the Delta cross-channel gates.
- Management Agencies and Project Agencies
 - Finalize the EWA accounting for WY 2007.

December

- CALFED Ops Group
 - Consider recommending closing the Delta cross-channel gates for fish protection.
- Reclamation
 - Evaluate any recommendations to close the Delta cross-channel gates.
- DWR
 - Make an initial 2008 water supply allocation for the State Water Project.
- Management Agencies and Project Agencies
 - Presentation on (B)(2)/EWA accounting for WY 2007.
 - Presentation on 2008 Operations Plan.