

## CALFED OPERATIONS COORDINATION GROUP

### MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

February 22, 2006

#### Handouts

1. CALFED OPS Meeting Agenda February 22, 2006
2. SWP/CVP Operational Status
3. 2005/2006 EWA Accounting Summary
4. October 2005 - November 2006 Preliminary b(2) Accounting Sheet (Draft)

#### Announcements

1. The VAMP management meeting scheduled for February 23 has been cancelled.

#### SWRCB Activities

1. Cease and Desist Order was adopted on February 15, 2006.
2. Revised Plan of Action DMC Recirculation Study was submitted.
3. The draft order for the Yuba River should be out soon, and it is on the agenda for the March SWRCB meeting.
4. The Board expects to have information out on the Periodic Review by the end of the calendar year.

#### On-Going Activities Related to the OPS Group

1. Status of Joint Point of Diversion (JPOD) Response Plans: Fishery Response Plan – Working with management agencies and trying to have a draft to the Board in a few weeks. Considering using JPOD during periods when Delta is in excess conditions. The Water Level Response Plan and the Water Quality Response Plan are approved.
2. Vernalis Flow Outlook: Two forecasts completed last week. In the 90% forecast, flows were 5,700 cfs , and in the 50% forecast, flows were 7,000 cfs. Desired flow of 7,000 cfs with 1,500 exports. Most likely they will not be able to install the Head of Old River barrier for VAMP.

#### Fishery Status: These are preliminary numbers.

1. Winter-run Chinook salmon are making a strong comeback. Department Fish and Game escapement estimate from carcass survey data shows about 15,730 adult spawners. Still not at recovery goal, but is almost double the number for last year (8,635).
2. NMFS estimates 3.83 million juvenile winter-run will enter the Delta. The Incidental take is 76,626 for October 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006.
3. Spring Run: Incidental take based on surrogate release from Coleman late fall less than 1% recovery. Adult escapement looks good around Butte Creek.
4. Delta Smelt: Two Kodiak Trawl Surveys were compared. Total of 84 delta smelt in the survey. Down from 2005, which was 218 and 2004, which was 300. Concern in cumulative number of Delta Smelt.

#### Work Group Activities:

1. DAT Update: Meeting weekly. No recommendations to change operations.
2. OFF Update: Nothing to report.
3. WOMT Update: Meeting weekly and conference calls. Group concern with the flows and levels of concern regarding fish.

**Operations Status:** SWP/CVP Operational Status Handout. Clear Creek is currently 200 cfs. Keswick at 5,900 cfs, down to 5,600 cfs and by Friday should be 5,400 cfs. Folsom 4,000 cfs and Goodwin is 1,200 cfs. In order to remove some fish experiment gear from the Stanislaus River, the Goodwin release will be down to 350 cfs February 23 through February 25 then will go back up to 1,200 cfs. Release from Oroville to the Feather River is 5,000 cfs.

**Delta Operations:** Delta in excess conditions. Delta Outflow is 40,961 cfs. DCC Gates closed. Tracy operating 5 units. Freeport at 32,500 cfs and Clifton Court inflow currently 6,000 cfs going up to 6,500 cfs today. San Luis Storage: CVP storage is at about 877 taf and is not gaining, just meeting demands. SWP storage is 1.15 MAF. Combined San Luis is full. Port Chicago standard needs 27 days for compliance in February. Discussed triggering of X2 in March: With salinity coming in faster than expected, it is doubtful that X2 will trigger.

**EWA Operations:** Reviewed EWA placeholders on the 90% exceedence forecast.

**B(2):** Draft Preliminary b(2) accounting sheet for October 2005 through September 2006. 10 TAF b(2) cost for October and November.

**Next Meeting** – March 22, 2006