

CALFED Ops Group Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: 10/24/07

Announcements

None to report.

State Water Resources Control Board Activities (Isabel Baer)

The SWRCB recently approved two water transfers: One was from DWR to Westlands W.D. for 70 TAF, the other transfer was from Merced I.D. to the Environmental Water Account (EWA) for 25 TAF. The Board has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed Yuba Accord for December 5-6, 2007; a hearing on the San Joaquin River flow will tentatively take place next summer July 2008 with the location to be determined. The Board has also noticed applications and documents associated with CCWD's Alternative Intake Project on their web page.

Ongoing Activities Related to Ops Group

None to report.

Fishery Status

Chinook (Winter Run) – Jim White (DFG) reported that NOAA is close to completing the winter-run Chinook salmon escapement estimate; DFG has transmitted the final data on escapement to NOAA in a recent letter

Chinook (Spring Run) – Only thing to report is that the spring spawning number should be available soon. Last week, over 600 were captured in the screwtraps on Mill Creek; that is a big number for them

Steelhead – Nothing to report

Green Sturgeon – Nothing to report

Delta smelt – (P. Johnson)

Peter reported that the fall m-d-water trawl results will be presented to the IEP coordinators tomorrow (Thursday, October 25). Then the trawl index should be posted on FWS's website in 2-3 days. There have not been any Delta smelt Working Group meetings yet for this water year. There have not been any Delta smelt showing up at project export facilities. FWS is working on the petition to list longfin smelt. They received the petition August 8 and have 90 days to respond to it.

Work Group Updates

DAT Update (E. Chappell) – Erin reported that DAT has started to meet again, every other week in frequency for right now. They have primarily been looking at juvenile Chinook salmon and upper watershed (Sacramento River) conditions in Mill Creek.

WOMT Update –(R. Milligan)

Ron reported that WOMT has resumed meeting every other week. The primary issues have been coordinating pulse flows on the San Joaquin River for attraction of migrating salmon.

Operations Status

SWP: Oroville @ 2450 cfs, Banks PP @ 2500 cfs, SWP share San Luis @ 480 TAF, monthly outflow requirement in October (SWRCB mandated) @ 4000 cfs, using JPOD to facilitate Merced River transfer to EWA.

CVP : Lewiston@ 300 cfs, Clear Creek @300 cfs, Keswick @ 5800 cfs, Nimbus @ 1250 cfs, Jones PP @ 4300 cfs, Federal share of San Luis@ 289 TAF

EWA – Andy Chu reported that as of September 30, EWA owes Reclamation 22 TAF and DWR 44 TAF. Model projections for the end of year show that Reclamation will be paid off (0 debt) and DWR will still be owed 25 TAF.