

CALFED OPERATIONS MEETING NOTES
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Resources Building
Room 1131, 11th Floor

Announcements – None to report

SWRCB Activities –

Transfer Activities -

1. On July 31, 2008, the Water Board issued Corrected Order WR 2008-0034-DWR involving the transfer of up to 10,000 acre-feet from South Sutter Water District to several State Water Project contracting agencies.
2. On August 8, 2008, the Water Board issued Order WR 2008-0035-DWR approving a temporary urgency change petition to facilitate the transfer of 10,000 acre-feet from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to Central Valley parties near Corning.
3. On August 19, 2008, Placer County Water Agency completed the submission of a temporary urgency change petition to transfer up to 20,000 acre-feet to Westlands Water District. The Water Board awaits submission of further information from PCWA to issue a final order.

Bay-Delta Strategic Work Plan Activities -

1. The Water Board held a workshop on September 17, 2008 regarding San Joaquin River flow objectives for fish and wildlife in the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan. An update will be given during the Water Board's November 4, 2008 meeting.
2. The Water Board will hold a public workshop on October 1, 2008 to consider information regarding the development of an urban water conservation regulatory program. The Board will consider whether to develop a regulatory program and, if so, what the program should be.
3. The Water Board will hold a public workshop on October 8, 2008 to receive comments from agencies and the public regarding the periodic review of the 2006 Bay-Delta WQCP. The workshop will help the Board identify elements that may need amendment.
4. On August 29, 2008, Water Board staff sent a letter to interested parties requesting recommendations on factual issues the Board should consider during an upcoming series of evidentiary hearings. Dates for the hearings have not yet been set.

Fisheries Status

(Chinook) Nothing to report

(Spring-run Chinook) Nothing to report

(Steelhead) Nothing to report

(Green Sturgeon) Nothing to report

(Delta smelt) Nothing to report

(Longfin Smelt) Nothing to report

There was a general discussion at the meeting about USBR operations and capability to meet temperature objectives on the American River. The target is 69 degrees at Watt Avenue, but NOAA is concerned about the USBR maintaining cold-water reserves at Folsom for fall-run salmon. USBR is about 60 TAF below (in storage) what they had at this time last year and would have to make more drastic cuts later if it stays dry. The measured temperature at the release bypass is slowly declining.

Work Group Updates

(VAMP) Nothing to report.

(DAT) Nothing to report.

(WOMT) Nothing to report.

CVP/SWP Operations Updates

(CVP) – Keswick @ 6,500 cfs, Folsom @ 1,000 cfs, Goodwin @ 200 cfs, Jones PP approx. 4,200 cfs, Federal share of San Luis at 35 TAF. San Joaquin recirculation ended September 15.

(SWP) – Oroville at 1900 cfs with storage of 1.10 MAF, Banks at 600 cfs, State share of San Luis at 201 TAF

(Delta Conditions) – Operating (currently in September) at 4,000 cfs Delta Outflow, in October standards will be 3,000 cfs monthly average, Rio Vista minimum at 3,000 cfs, E/I ratio will be .65, there will be a pulse flow on the San Joaquin up to 28 TAF, south Delta EC objectives are at 1.0 EC.