

**CALFED OPERATIONS MEETING NOTES**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2013**  
**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

**SWRCB Update (R. Satkowski)**

On March 20 and 21, SWRCB held public workshops on the adequacy of the draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) on proposed San Joaquin River flows and south Delta salinity objectives. Written comments are due by March 29. During the next SWRCB meeting (April 9<sup>th</sup>), SWRCB will discuss the next steps for Phase II of the process to update D-1641.

**Fisheries Update**

**Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Green Sturgeon (B. Oppenheim)** – The density trigger for steelhead was exceeded last Friday, resulting on setting OMR no more negative than -3500 cfs, the last 5 days of salvage since then have been low. To date steelhead taken at the export facilities have been 267, with a full water year ITL of 3,000; so take has been much lower than allowed. Winter-run salmon and steelhead are migrating out of the Delta right now.

**Delta smelt** (E. Gleason) – The SWG met this Monday and recommended an OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs to protect Delta smelt; USFWS concurred. 3 day average water temperatures in the Delta are approx. 15.4 degrees.

**Longfin smelt** (C. Dibble) – OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs is adequately protective; Barker Slough diversions have been less than 30 cfs recently; no significant risk of entrainment in Barker Slough either.

**DOSS** – Recent discussions included clarification language for Action IV.3; also the group is reviewing fish monitoring stations to see which one provides the most useful data.

**SOG** – The last meeting was re-scheduled due to the SWRCB SED Hearings; Goodwin releases are at 200 cfs; the water year type on the Stanislaus River (per the BiOp) is Dry, not Critical; the April-May pulse flows on the Stanislaus are being shaped by SOG; the temperature criteria of 55 degrees at Orange Blossom Bridge on the Stanislaus River is being exceeded by about ½ of a degree.

**Water Project Operations**

CVP – Keswick @ 4000 cfs; Nimbus @ 1250 cfs; Goodwin @ 200 cfs , Jones PP @ 2500 cfs

SWP – Oroville @2000 cfs, Clifton Court @ 2000 cfs, and Delta Outflow approx. 9,200 cfs

