

**CALFED OPERATIONS MEETING NOTES**  
**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**  
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**SWRCB Update (R. Satkowski)**

- Phase I – No new information
- Phase II – A two-day workshop on Interior Delta Flows and Other Related Stressors will be held on April 16 and 17.
- Phase IV – A workshop on Methods for Developing Flow Criteria for Priority Tributaries to the Bay-Delta was held on March 19.
- Temporary Urgency Change developments – The original TUC petition, made by the CVP and SWP due to extreme drought conditions in 2014, was updated at the end of February. The SWRCB expects that a further revision will be filed by the projects, before the end of March, which would include modifications requested for April. The Real-Time Drought Operations Management Team is making day-to-day adjustments, as needed, to protect fish and maintain minimal exports as the Delta hydrology changes.

**Fisheries Update**

**Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Green Sturgeon (B. Byrne)**

Both adult and juvenile salmon are in the Bay-Delta system. Sampling to avoid a recurrence of last year's straying of salmon in the Colusa Basin are ongoing. Several screw traps are still catching salmon. Partial trucking of hatchery-bred (fall-run) salmon from the Coleman Hatchery is occurring, full trucking is a possibility if

**Delta smelt (E. Gleason)** - SWG has been meeting and monitoring the distribution, abundance and salvage of Delta smelt. No salvage of Delta smelt has occurred this year and the projected exports and OMR flows are adequately protective of Delta smelt.

**Longfin smelt (C. Dibble)** - Projected exports and OMR flows are adequately protective of Longfin smelt. Barker Slough exports have been/will be limited to no more than 50 cfs/day for the entire month of March. This restriction will expire at the end of March.

**Workgroup Updates –**

**DOSS** - NMFS issued a letter on March 14, accepting the proposed changes in project operations; a presentation on the NMFS salmon life-cycle model will be made in Sacramento on April 15 – hold the date if you're interested; DOSS met yesterday and had no advice to NMFS, no advice so far this year from DOSS;

**SOG** – met last week, current focus is on implementing the spring pulse flows on the Stanislaus River in April; temperature requirements at Orange Blossom Bridge are

being exceeded due to warm weather; Cramer Fish Science is radio-tagging Chinook on the Stanislaus River to look at mortality this spring.

## **CURRENT WATER PROJECT OPERATIONS**

CVP - Keswick @ 3,750 cfs; Nimbus @ 500 cfs; Goodwin @ 425 cfs; Jones PP@ 1000 cfs; Federal Share of San Luis @ 470 TAF

SWP – Oroville@ 800 cfs; Clifton Court @ 1,000 cfs, State share of San Luis@ 385 TAF

Freeport approx. 7100 cfs ; Vernalis approx. 600 cfs; Delta Outflow approx. 4400 cfs ; currently meeting X2 @ Collinsville via water quality compliance.