

## **WOMT Summary for May 28, 2010**

The WOMT Agencies met and discussed the following:

The SWG could not reach full consensus. The majority supported a recommendation of OMR flows no more negative than -2000 cfs; the minority proposed a range of OMR flows from -2500 cfs to -3500 cfs. Given the change in conditions since the Monday, May 28th call, the Working Group agreed that the likelihood of a relatively large entrainment event is high, but the timing and magnitude cannot be predicted.

FWS has determined that OMR flows be no more negative than -5,000 cfs on a 14-day average (no more negative than -6,250 cfs on a 5-day average), as allowed under the RPA. The juvenile protective phase of the biological opinion (RPA Component 2; Action 3 in Attachment B) is in effect. This action will continue until June 30 or when the daily water temperature at Clifton Court Forebay reaches 25 degree Celsius for three consecutive days, whichever occurs earlier.

Recent DOSS advice has been based on the San Joaquin River Inflow to Export Ratio (Action IV.2.1) and OMR (Action IV.2.3) as required in the NMFS Opinion. When DOSS met on Tuesday morning, the implementation of those actions was expected to be affected by the Federal court ruling expected on Tuesday afternoon. DOSS thus provided no advice to NMFS or WOMT this week. NMFS expects that the projects will continue to operate in conformance with the NMFS Opinion, except for the specifically enjoined RPA components.