

### **WOMT Summary for March 30, 2010**

The WOMT Agencies met and discussed the following:

The SWG recommended OMR flows no more negative than -5,000 cfs. The Working Group agreed that the level of risk to adult and larval delta smelt was low, given that no salvage has occurred since March 14 and the latest survey data suggest that the greatest densities of delta smelt are in the Sacramento River and outside the influence of the pumps.

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 DOSS advice to NMFS and WOMT for the week of March 29 through April 5 is to: 1) operate OMR flow to no more negative than -5,000 cfs and 2) manage Vernalis flows and exports according to the NMFS determination sent to WOMT on March 30, 2010 (*i.e.*, 3,000 cfs at Vernalis and 1,500 cfs exports starting April 1, 2010). NMFS accepts the DOSS advice and determines that, at this time, operating to OMR of -5000 cfs is consistent with Action IV.2.3 in the NMFS biological opinion and will provide the intended protection for salmon and steelhead.

NMFS determines that, beginning on April 1, 2010, the proposed operations described by Reclamation on March 25, 2010 are consistent with the NMFS biological opinion. In accordance with Action IV.2.1, daily combined CVP and SWP export rates must not exceed 1,500 cfs (unless Vernalis flows exceed 6,000 cfs), from April 1 through May 31, in order to provide protections necessary to avoid jeopardy to Central Valley steelhead, as described in the RPA action.