

WOMT Summary for April 6, 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 larval delta smelt was low, given that no salvage of juveniles nor detection of larvae at Projects' Fish Facilities have 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 is to continue meeting the required OMR (Action IV.2.3), Stanislaus River flow (Action III.1.3), and San Joaquin River Inflow to Export Ratio (Action IV.2.1) as required in the NMFS biological opinion for the protection of listed steelhead.

Next WOMT meeting is scheduled for May 11th, 2010 unless notified otherwise.