

### **Special WOMET Summary for May 2, 2012**

WOMET met and further discussed the proposed adjustment to the Railroad Cut trigger and recommended a hybrid approach to NMFS.

NMFS determines on May 4, 2012, that implementing the following proposal will meet the needs of the stipulation study experimental design, adequately protect steelhead, and minimizes the impact to water supply. As such, NMFS finds that the proposal and adjustments will not jeopardize the continued existence of Central Valley steelhead.

- > Railroad Cut trigger of **24** sentinel steelhead.
- > Combined export limit of 100% of the 3-day average of Vernalis flows (D-1641 limit) for at least the May 1-5 period, even if the Railroad Cut trigger is met during that time period.
- > If the Railroad Cut trigger is met, export reductions shall be initiated (but no earlier than May 5) to produce a 5-day running average of the tidally filtered OMR flow of -1,250 cfs, or 1,500 cfs combined exports, whichever is greater.
- > After 5 days of the most positive OMR (or minimum exports), the Projects can return to the experimental OMR flow, or 0-1641, whichever is controlling, for the remainder of the period.