

## **WOMT Summary for June 26, 2012**

WOMT met and discussed the following:

The Smelt Working Group recommended no change in projected operations based on a review of delta smelt distribution and salvage data, current Delta conditions and projected operations. The Working Group also agreed that given their present distribution, existing constraining conditions was sufficient to protect longfin smelt. The Working Group will continue to monitor smelt salvage, larval smelt survey data, and delta hydrological conditions through June 30 and reconvene during that time as necessary. After June 30, the Working Group will not reconvene until November 2012.

Currently as of June 26, 2012, the FWS and DFG deem that no additional actions are needed for protection of delta and longfin smelt until June 30. In addition, no RPA actions for operations in the delta are in effect for the protection of ESA listed species under NMFS jurisdiction.

WOMT also discussed Clear Creek Technical Group's recommendation for Reclamation to not operate the Trinity, Carr, and Spring Creek powerhouses in full power-peaking mode from July 15 to September 30, 2012, in order to reduce water temperatures going through Whiskeytown Reservoir and into Clear Creek. The proposal was supported by Reclamation studies in the 1990s. However, at WOMT, Reclamation stated that the assumptions that went into the studies are not true today, including that not all 4 temperature curtains are properly functioning, and less water is coming over to Whiskeytown Reservoir as a result of the Trinity River Record of Decision. WOMT agreed that NMFS and Reclamation should discuss the proposal off line, then report back to WOMT when an agreed-upon approach was decided on.