

## WOMT Notes

### March 25, 2014 Meeting

#### **1. General Information:**

**CVP:** Keswick Release to upper Sacramento River @ 3,750 cfs, down to 3,450 cfs by 3/29

Nimbus Release to lower American River @ 500 cfs

Goodwin Release to Stanislaus River @ 425 cfs, down to 325 cfs by 3/27

Jones Pumping Plant @ 1,000 cfs

X-channel Gates: Closed

Federal Share of San Luis @ 468 TAF

**SWP:** Oroville Release to Feather River @ 800 cfs

Clifton Court Allotment @ 1,000 cfs

State Share of San Luis @ 384 TAF

Freeport Flow approx. 7800 cfs

Vernalis Flow approx. 680 cfs

Delta Outflow approx. 5,500 cfs

OMR index value (5 day average) approx. – 2,400 cfs

OMR index value (14 day average) approx. – 4,400 cfs

**SWRCB:** Term 91 and 93 implementation, previously estimated to begin approx. April 1, will be delayed due to the current storm forecast. No revised date for implementation is estimated at this time.

**Current Water Project Operations Status.** Export operations of the CVP and SWP are currently limited by the projects' intent to meet Collinsville X2 requirements for the entire month of March. Depending on the timing and amount of runoff that occurs from the forecasted storms this week, export pumping may increase above current levels.

**NMFS – Biological Opinion for CV Salmonids, Steelhead, Sturgeon:**

(1) The CVP and SWP will operate through March 31, 2014 in accordance with their projected ops plan, as provided in NMFS' March 14 letter and clarified in Reclamation's March 17 letter, while allowing for minor modifications to be discussed and agreed to at RTDOT; (2) No advice from DOSS, therefore no NMFS determination necessary.

**USFWS – Delta Smelt** : At current and projected export levels, the risk of entrainment to Delta smelt is low, therefore no change in operations is recommended per SWG; No determination from USFWS.

**DFW – Longfin Smelt** : Current export rates are protective of Longfin Smelt at this time. Continue w/ Incidental Take Permit Condition 5.3, which limits Barker Slough Diversion Rates to no greater than 50 cfs on a 7 day running average basis. This provision expires after March 31.

**2. WOMT Decisions** - None