

## **WOMT Notes**

### **April 15, 2014 Meeting**

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

##### **CVP**

*Keswick Release to upper Sacramento River @ 3,250 cfs*

*Nimbus Release to lower American River @ 500 cfs*

*Goodwin Release to Stanislaus River @ 2500 cfs (for Vernalis pulse flow)*

*Jones Pumping Plant @ 2,400 cfs (outage today from 0600 to 1700)*

*X-channel Gates: Closed*

*Federal Share of San Luis 551 TAF*

##### **SWP**

*Oroville Release to Feather River @ 800 cfs*

*Clifton Court Allotment @ 500 cfs*

*State Share of San Luis @ 395 TAF*

##### **Delta**

*Freeport Flow approx. 8,800 cfs*

*Vernalis Flow approx. 830 cfs*

*Delta Outflow approx. 5,000 cfs*

**OMR Is Reported for April 11<sup>th</sup> Due to Lags for USGS Processing**

*OMR index value (5 day average) approx . -4980 cfs*

*OMR index value (14 day average) approx. -4110 cfs*

*OMR measured (USGS) value (5 day average) approx. -4580 cfs*

*OMR measured (USGS) value (14 day average) approx. -3460 cfs*

**SWRCB:**

- Term 91 will not be implemented until about May 1, depending on hydrologic conditions on the Sacramento River. Term 93 may be implemented about same time, pending information requested from Reclamation about SJ conditions.
- Two petitions by the projects were recently approved. One extended the March provisions into April. The second, requested that the pulse flow requirements on the San Joaquin River at Vernalis be modified for 16 days @ 3,300 cfs and 15 days @ 1,500 cfs from mid-April through mid-May, then not to be less than 500 cfs from the end of the pulse flow period through May 31.
- The SWRCB anticipates another petition will be submitted shortly that proposes the projects be allowed to export more than public health and safety minimums during the SJ pulse flow period, so that the 1:1 export ratio can be achieved. This may be discussed in more detail at tomorrow's RT-DOT meeting.

**Current Water Project Operations Status.** X2 @ Collinsville is still being met via the 14-day average, but it is degrading. Project exports are being scheduled for salinity management @ Collinsville (i.e. to prevent excessive salinity degradation).

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

No advice from DOSS, therefore no NMFS determination necessary.

**USFWS – Delta Smelt :** SWG met yesterday; 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, therefore DFW has no recommendations for changes in operations .

**2. WOMT Decisions** - None