

2016 Sacramento Temperature Management Planning Meeting
April 6, 2016
Meeting Summary

Participants

From sign-in sheets:*

Thad Bettner, GCID
Tom Boardman, SLDMWA
Pat Kennedy, GCID
Anne Kwedar, MBK
Kyle Ochendusko, SWRCB
Melih Ozbilgin, SCVWD
Ben Ransom, PCWA
Rich Satkowski, SWRCB
Tim Sloane, PCFFA
Tom Stokely, C-WIN
Stan Wangberg, ACID

** others may have attended but not signed in*

From RSVPs (may or may not have attended):

Jeanne Brantigan, TNC
Maury Kruth, consultant to NCPA
Kelye McKinney, City of Roseville
John McManus, GGSA
Jim Mulligan, City of Roseville
Ben Ransom, PCWA
Jon Rubin, SLDMWA
Neil Schild, City of Roseville
Lucinda Shih, Contra Costa Water District
Tim Sloane, Institute for Fisheries Resources
Mark Smith, Conservation Strategy Group
Russ Stein, DWR
Brycen Swart, NMFS

Summary

Reclamation Presentation

The Bureau of Reclamation provided the group an overview of the operational forecast for the remainder of the year, as well as the current status of the cold water pool at Lake Shasta. The results of the mid-March temperature modeling runs were then presented, illustrating the forecasted Sacramento River temperature releases for the remainder of the year. The meeting was opened up to questions, comments, and input into the temperature plan.

Stakeholder Questions

Audience discussion primarily focused on questions regarding the modeling and projections. Based on a question from the audience, the assumptions that formed the basis for the modeling were discussed (primarily focusing on assumptions on releases to the Trinity River). Based on

another question, the differences between the 50 percent and 90 percent exceedance modeling runs were discussed. Questions also focused on the challenges managing the cold water pool that might exist next year if the hydrology becomes dry. There were questions and discussion on how the Sacramento River Temperature Task Group (SRTTG) would operate this year, including group composition. There were also questions and discussion on in-reservoir temperature modeling.

Stakeholder Input

Reclamation requested stakeholder input to the 2016 temperature plan. The Glenn Colusa Irrigation District expressed an interest in working with Reclamation on gravel augmentation below Keswick Dam, and noted they would get in touch with Reclamation's Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) coordinator. The Golden Gate Salmon Association (John McManus) commented on the need to focus on avoiding redd dewatering in the fall, and also suggested that the SRTTG meet more often than monthly during the critical months of the year. The Nature Conservancy noted that there had been recent discussions with Interior leadership in Washington DC regarding additional streamflow and temperature gaging. They asked whether there were places that additional gaging would be needed; it was pointed out that this might be a good topic of discussion for the SRTTG.