
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP

Sacramento River Temperature Management Considerations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) will hold a board workshop to discuss the current status of Sacramento River salmon species and Sacramento River temperature management considerations that can inform planning for the 2022 Sacramento River temperature management season and future years.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Remote Participation Only

WORKSHOP FORMAT

The workshop will be organized into two parts, including: 1) a panel discussion on the topics identified below; and 2) a general comments session.

If you wish only to view the workshop, a webcast will be available at <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available). This option should be used for viewing the workshop **UNLESS** you intend to speak during the workshop.

Instructions for Panel Participation

For the panel discussions, the State Water Board is interested in hearing from subject matter experts from agencies involved in Sacramento River temperature management and affected stakeholder groups. For the panel discussion, participants will be provided the opportunity to provide a 5- to 10-minute presentation and participate in answering questions by the Board and Board staff on the topics below. The Board requests that stakeholders with similar positions work together to identify primary panel representatives to make a direct presentation. Other representatives may also participate in responding to questions from the Board members or staff.

If you are a member of a group that is interested in participating in the panel discussion part of the workshop, please send an email to Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov by **March 4, 2022**, identifying the panel or panels your group would like to participate in, who will be making a presentation for your group, and any other participants that would

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like to participate in answering questions from the Board. Staff will respond to your request to participate in the panel part of the workshop with information necessary to participate via the Zoom online platform. If there are a large number of requests to participate in the panel portion of the workshop, participants may be asked to consolidate or shorten presentations.

Workshop Panels:

1. Hydrologic conditions, including operations, forecasting, and accounting.
2. Status of Sacramento River Chinook salmon, including factors affecting mortality and significance to the population.
3. Assessment of temperature and temperature dependent modeling and results.
4. Policy considerations, including tribal issues, environmental justice, issues related to underprivileged communities, trade-offs, and other considerations.

Instructions for Making General Comments

If you would like to make a general public comment at the workshop, you must fill out a virtual speaker card using the link provided in the Board's forthcoming agenda that will be posted ten days prior to the workshop at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/#03-2022. Staff will respond to your form with the information needed to join the workshop via the Zoom online platform. General comments should be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. If there are a large number of commenters, speakers may be asked to shorten their comments to accommodate all speakers.

Instructions for Submitting PowerPoint Presentations

PowerPoint presentations must be submitted to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **12:00 noon on March 11, 2022**. Presentations must be in **PowerPoint format and should not include any transitions or external media sources**. Please be aware that State Water Board staff will be projecting and advancing PowerPoint slides during presentations.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP


State Water Board Water Right Order 90-5 imposed conditions on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) water right permits and licenses for Keswick Dam, Shasta Dam, and the Spring Creek Power Plant to meet temperature requirements on the Sacramento River for the protection of Sacramento River fish species, including winter-run and fall-run Chinook salmon. Specifically, Order 90-5 requires Reclamation to operate to achieve an average daily temperature of 56 degrees Fahrenheit (F) on the Sacramento River at Red Bluff Diversion Dam (RBDD), located 60 miles downstream of Keswick Dam, to protect aquatic habitat conditions for spawning, rearing, and migration needs of salmon and other native fish populations during periods when higher temperatures would adversely affect the fishery. If there are factors beyond Reclamation's reasonable control that prevent Reclamation from meeting 56 degrees F at RBDD, Reclamation is required to prepare a Temperature Management Plan (TMP) for consideration by the State Water Board.

The purpose of this workshop is to prepare for the 2022 Sacramento River temperature management season by reviewing relevant hydrology, operations, and forecasting information; Sacramento River Chinook salmon status, trends, and stressors; temperature and biological modeling; tribal, environmental justice, and other policy considerations. Workshop participants and members of the public are encouraged to identify priorities and improvements for water year 2022 temperature management.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this notice or need assistance, you may send an email to Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov.

February 18, 2022
Date


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