

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP
TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE
IN DELTA REQUIREMENTS
MAY 6, 2014**



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Topics for Today

- Update on modifications of Temporary Urgency Change (TUC) Order to date
- Real-Time Drought Operations Management Team (RTDOMT) and Drought Operations Plan
- Public Input
 - Potential modifications to TUC Order
 - Input on TUC Order's findings of fact

Summary of Delta TUC Order

- Petition from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) - January 29, 2014
- Initial TUC Order – January 31 2014
- Modifications: February 7, February 28, March 18, April 9, April 11, and May 2
- 61 comments from 34 stakeholders
- 4 petitions for reconsideration
- Several requests for hearing

January 31 TUC Order

- Delta Cross Channel Gate – flexible operations from February through May 20
- Delta Outflow- 3,000 cubic-feet per second (cfs)
- Exports- 1,500 cfs or health and safety level
- Coordinated through RTDOMT
- Conditions on conserved water, water balance, monitoring and modeling
- Additional modifications based on input or changed circumstances

February and March TUC Order Modifications

- February 7- clarified allowed exports when Delta requirements met
- February 28- extended Delta Outflow Modifications to March
- March 18- provides additional flexibility for exports when inflows 7,100 cfs, clarifies use of exported water, requires bypasses to satisfy prior water rights

April 8, 2014 Drought Operations Plan (DOP)

- Developed and coordinated through RTDOMT
- Provides USBR and DWR's range of coordinated operations from April through mid-November
 - under dry hydrology with and without barrier
 - under average hydrology without barriers
- Includes information on past and future operations and effects on biological resources
- Fisheries agencies concurred that the DOP conforms to ESA requirements

April TUC Order Modifications

- April 9 – Extended Delta Outflow mods to April
- April 11- San Joaquin River flow modifications
 - Pulse flows: 3,300 cfs 16 days and 1,500 cfs 15 day or equivalent volume approved by fisheries agencies
 - April shoulder flows: 700 cfs
 - May shoulder flows: 500 cfs
 - June flows: operate to meet NMFS Biological Opinion flows and other water quality requirements
- April 18 – Allowed increased exports during San Joaquin River pulse flow period
 - 100% San Joaquin River flow

May 2 TUC Order Modification

- May 2 Order – Acted on most remaining DOP issues from April 9 and April 29 requests and renewed Order
 - Delta Outflow modification in May and July
 - Sacramento River salinity compliance point moved from Emmaton to Threemile Slough
 - Sacramento River flow from September to November 15 modified to 2,000 cfs
 - Requires bypass of inflows when Order in effect
 - Updates export limitations
 - Adds date for reporting requirements on water balance and water conserved under change

Next Steps

- Comments on May 2 Order due May 13
- Objections to May 2 renewal due noon June 2
- Prepare responses to written public input as well as any necessary changes to Order or Order on reconsideration
- If necessary, evidentiary hearing on any objections may be held at a later date

Additional Information

Drought Webpage:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/index.shtml

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