# PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON SUMMER & FALL DROUGHT-RELATED SWP/CVP OPERATIONS IN THE BAY-DELTA WATERSHED



**JUNE 24, 2015** 

### 2015 Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) Actions

- TUCP submitted January 23, Order February 3, modified Order March 5
  - Workshop February 18
- TUCP modification request March 24, Order April 6
  - Workshop May 20
- May 21 TUCP renewal request
  - Delta outflow in July: 3,000 cubic-feet per second (cfs)
  - Rio Vista flows: 2,500 cfs through November
  - West Delta salinity compliance move from Emmaton to Three-Mile Slough through August 15

### **Comments on TUCPs**

- Nearly 500 objections, petitions for reconsideration and comments received
  - ~100 comments on Sacramento temperature issue
  - All comments posted and considered
- Commenters include:
  - Public, elected representatives, water agencies, state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations

## Order 90-5 - Sacramento River Temperature Requirements

- Requires temperature of 56°Fahrenheit (F) at Red Bluff Dam when needed for fisheries protection
- Allows temperature control point to be moved upstream upon concurrence of fisheries agencies and State Water Board

## TUCP Order - Sacramento River Temperature Requirements

- 2014 Hindcast
  - Difficulty predicting temperatures with low storage;
    temperatures in late summer/fall of 2014 were
    approximately 4 degrees F higher than modeled
- 2015 Temperature Management Plan (TMP)
  - Draft TMP mid-April, updated May 4, final was due June 1; Plan elements:
    - Starts with more storage than 2014
    - End-of-September Shasta storage levels similar to 2014
    - Reclamation indicated that TMP would meet 56°F at Clear Creek during temperature control season

### **2015 Sacramento River Temperature Actions**

- May 14: Executive Director provisionally approved TMP, directed U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to meet 56° at Clear Creek and to provide immediate notification if temperature compliance could not be achieved
- May 20 workshop: Reclamation stated that temperatures could be maintained throughout season
- May 29: Reclamation provided notice that temperatures could not be met
- May 29: Executive Director suspended the TMP

### 2015 Sacramento River Temperature Revised Plan

- May 29 June 16: Reclamation developed new TMP in consultation with Department of Water Resources, fisheries agencies, and State Water Board
- Consistent with agreed upon elements of revised plan,
  June 16 letter from Executive Director:
  - Provisional approval of April/May TMP remains suspended
  - Optimize temperatures using real-time decision making
  - Maintain Keswick releases of 7,250 cfs
  - Target 57° F at Clear Creek, not to exceed 58°
  - Conduct all necessary monitoring and reporting requested

#### **Example of Raw Profile Data Provided by Reclamation**

#### Department of the Interior **Bureau of Reclamation** NCAO Shasta Lake Profile Date: 3/10/2015 Time: 11:10 Observer: Gotham &Martin Precipitation Last 48 Hours: Weather: Clear & breezy Thermometer ID: YSI6600A Air Temperature (Degrees F): Storet Code: SH21 Lake Surface Elevation: 991.19 Temperature Turbidity All Elevations in M.S.L. 400 Feet Upstream 400 Feet Upstream (Mean Sea Level) of Dam of Dam Surface: 54.9 Surface: 4.8 Elevation 1050': Elevation 1050': 1025': 1025': 1000': 1000': 975': 4.8 975': 53.7 950': 51.0 950': 5.3 925': 5.4 925': 50.3 900': 49.0 900': 6.3 875': 5.5 875': 48.2 850': 5.0 850': 48.0 825': 4.4 800': 47.2 800': 4.2 775': 3.9 Spillway Outlet ( Elevation = 942'): 0 775': 46.8 Spillway Outlet ( Elevation = 842'): 0 750': 3.9 750': 46.5 Spillway Outlet ( Elevation = 742'): 0 725': 46.3 Power ( Elevation = 815'): 3600 700': 46.1 700': 4.1 Tailbay Water Surface Elevation: 580.17 675': 46.1 675': 4.0 Tailbay Water Temperature: 49.9 46.0 650': 4.2 Tailbay Water Turbidity: 6 625': 46.0 625': 4.5 Remarks: TCD upper &mid open, lower & side clsd. Secchi = 4'. Centimudi boat ramp log jam, had to launch across dam in the dirt.

#### **2014 Shasta Isothermobaths**

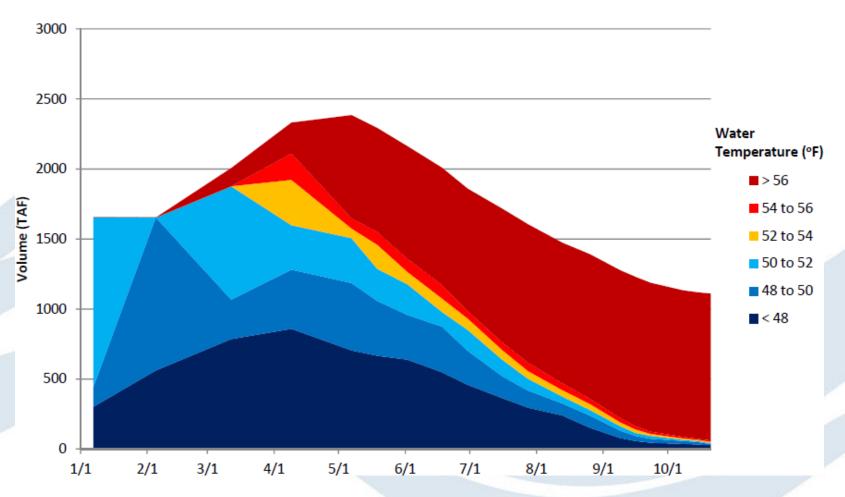


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#### 2014 & 2015 through February 3<sup>rd</sup> Shasta Isothermobaths

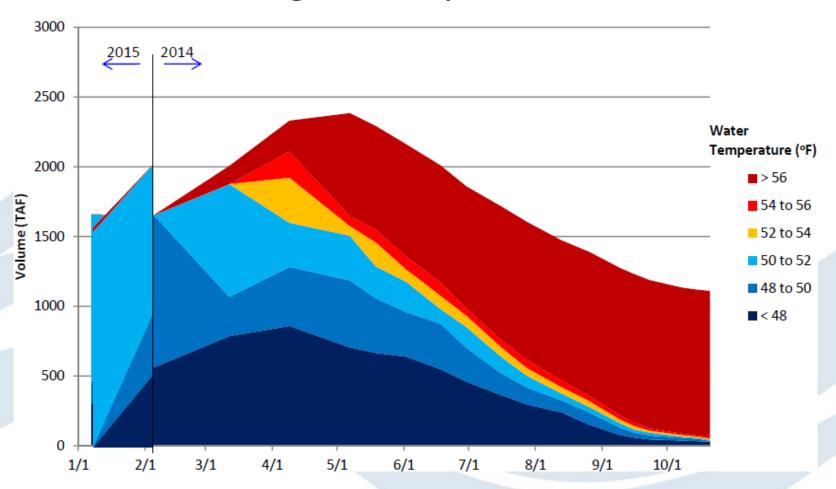


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#### 2014 & 2015 through March 10th Shasta Isothermobaths

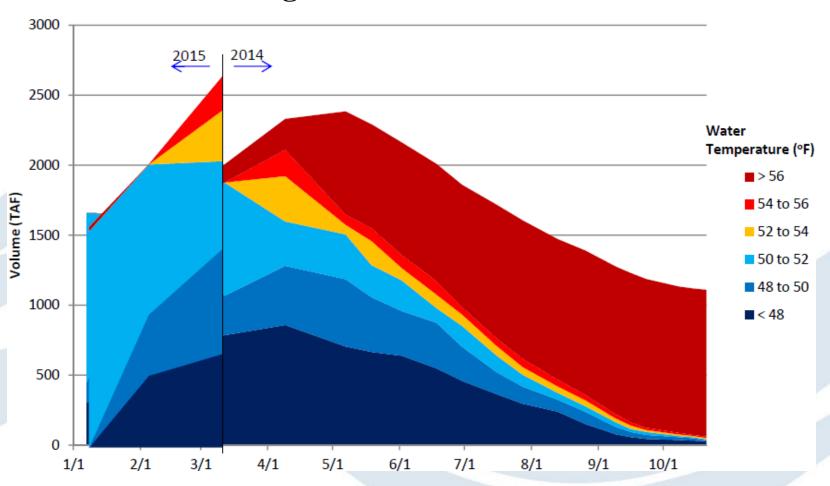


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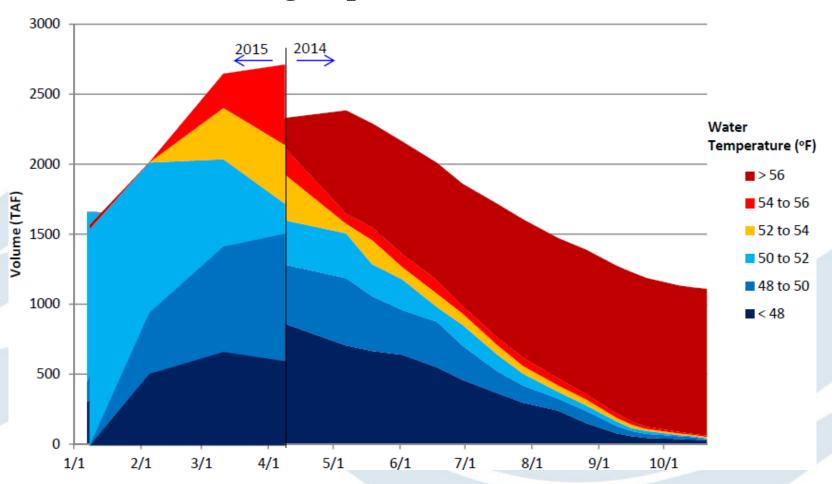


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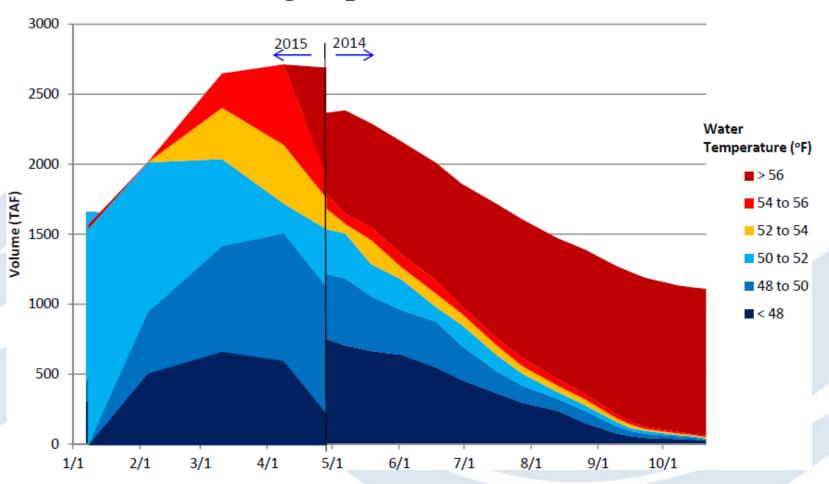


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#### 2014 & 2015 through May 13th Shasta Isothermobaths

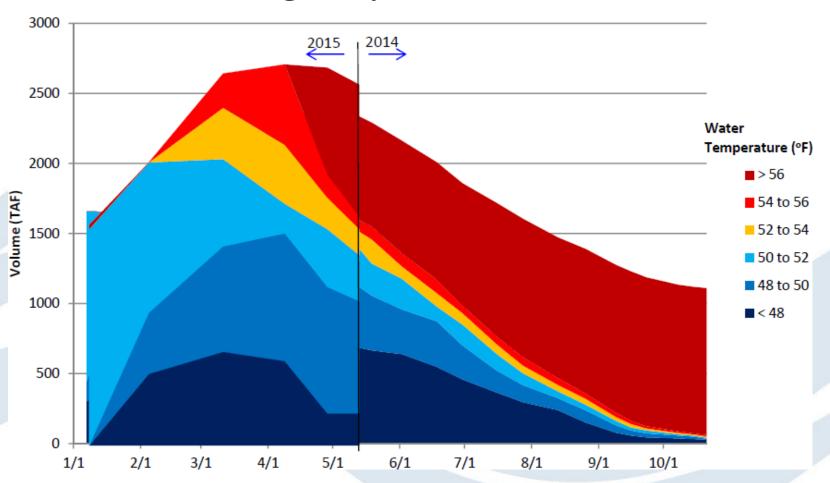


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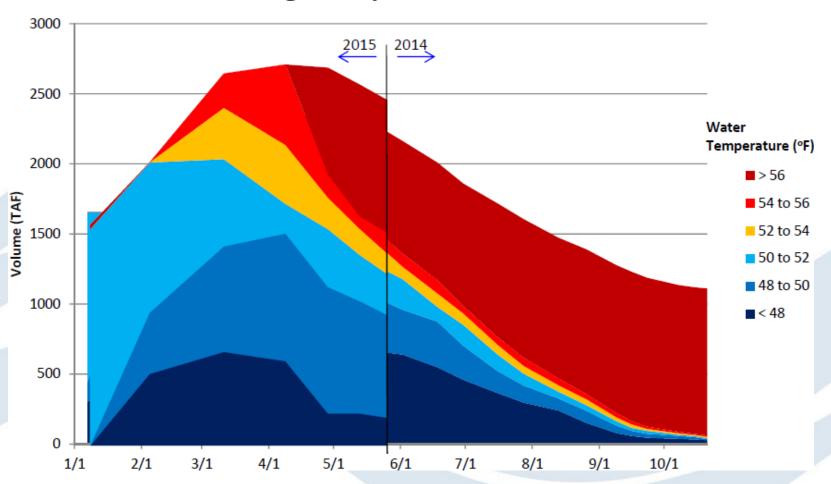


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#### 2014 & 2015 through June 3<sup>rd</sup> Shasta Isothermobaths

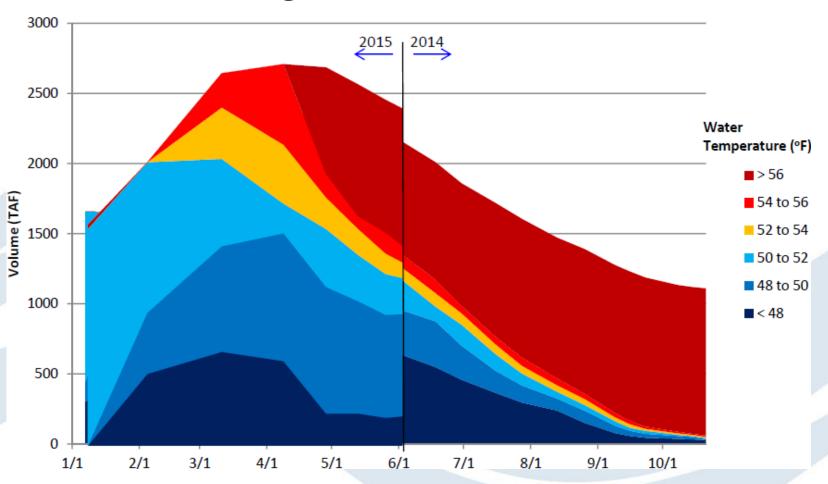


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#### 2014 & 2015 through June 16th Shasta Isothermobaths

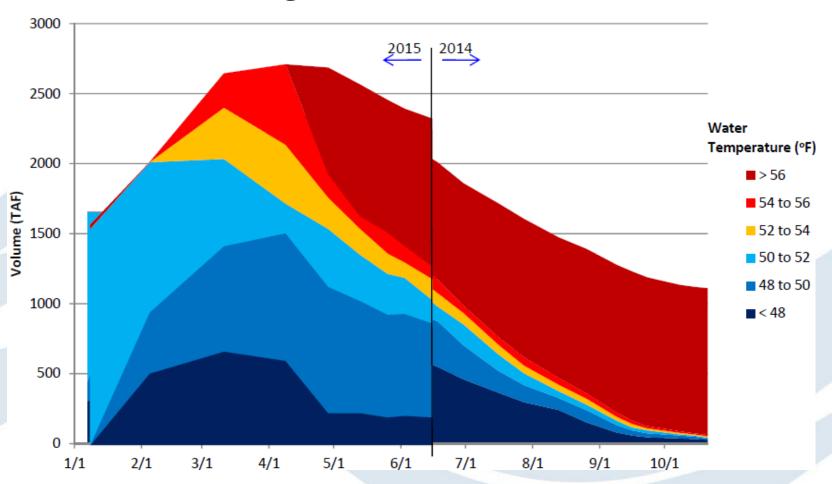
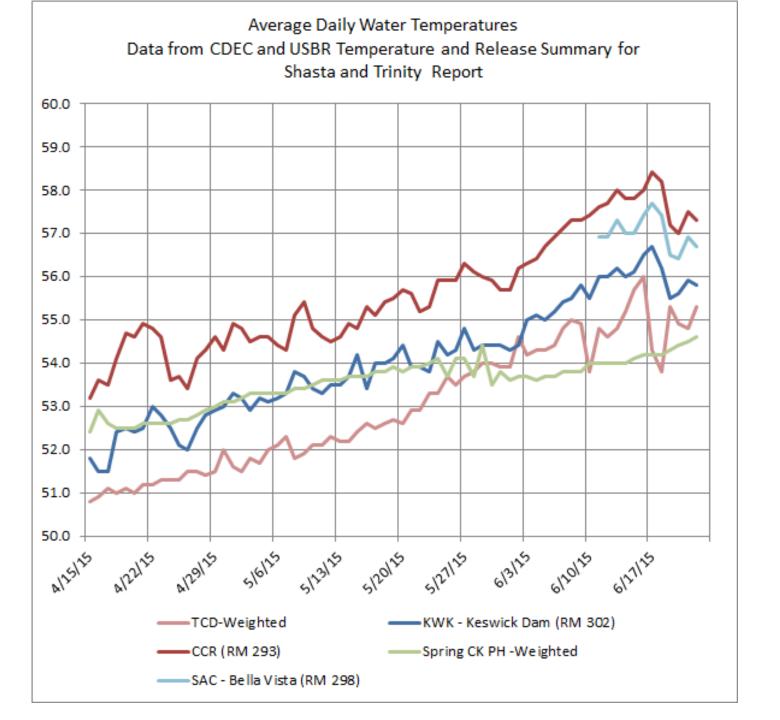


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### **Next Steps**

- TMP: Fisheries agencies review/approve revised TMP, Executive Director approves final TMP, real-time operations
- TUCP Renewal: Fisheries agencies provide input on TUCP renewal request, Executive Director Order expected by July 1
- TUCP Order on Reconsideration: expected later this year

### **Additional Information**

State Water Board Drought Webpage:

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 Water Actions

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