

State Water Resources Control Board

Informational Proceeding to Develop Flow Criteria for the Delta Ecosystem - Questions

Party submitting questions: Sacramento Valley Water Users (SVWU) ¹

Priority ²	Question	Witness
1	Have you analyzed the hydrologic impacts associated with any proposal for new Delta outflow criteria submitted in this proceeding (“Proposal”)?	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
2	For which Proposals did you perform such an analysis?	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
3	Describe the methodology used to perform the analysis of hydrologic impacts.	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
4	As part of your analysis did you consider the impacts of any Proposal on carry-over storage in reservoirs within the watershed of the Sacramento River and its tributaries?	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
5	As part of your analysis did you consider the impacts of any Proposal on the feasibility of meeting temperature requirements in the upper Sacramento River?	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
6	If a hydrologic model was used to perform your analysis, which model was used?	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
7	For each Proposal analyzed, describe the results of your analysis with respect to carry-over storage in reservoirs within the watershed of the Sacramento River and its tributaries.	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
8	For each Proposal analyzed, describe the results of your analysis with respect to the feasibility of meeting temperature requirements in the upper Sacramento River.	Panel 1 Witnesses (All) and Panel 5 Witnesses (All)
9	The Written Summary submitted by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) states, in reference to this proceeding, that “[t]he challenge is to make sure that as solutions to problems are implemented within the Delta we do not create new problems or ignore existing problems upstream and overlook opportunities for remedies.” (CDFG Written Summary, p. 6). Do you agree with this statement?	Panel 2 Witnesses (All) and Panel 3 Witnesses (All)

10	The CDFG Written Summary cites the need to preserve low water temperature in the upper Sacramento River as an example of how the SWRCB’s challenge in this proceeding is to make sure that as solutions are implemented in the Delta, we do not create new problems upstream. (CDFG Written Summary, p. 6). CDFG further states: “Finding a balance between retaining water in several project reservoirs or releasing it to meet outflow objectives in late winter through spring is essential.” (p. 6). Do you agree with the latter statement?	Panel 2 Witnesses (All) and Panel 3 Witnesses (All)
11	Do you agree with the following statement: “The new federal delta smelt and salmonid Biological Opinions are in the early stage of implementation and the efficacy of the measures contained in these Biological Opinions has not yet been fully evaluated.”	Panel 2 Witnesses (All) and Panel 3 Witnesses (All)
12	Do you agree that the results of implementing D-1641 and the new Biological Opinions, and the effects of those regulatory actions on factors that affect public trust resources in the Delta, should be evaluated before the SWRCB considers any additional minimum Delta outflows?	Panel 2 Witnesses (All) and Panel 3 Witnesses (All)
13	Do you agree that Delta outflow is only one of many factors that affect fish populations in the Delta?	Panel 4 Witnesses (All)
14	Do you agree that a number of other factors besides Delta outflow have been implicated in the decline of fish populations in the Delta?	Panel 4 Witnesses (All)

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² Please identify the top 10 priority questions concerning each participant's testimony or exhibits, with 1 being the highest and 10 being the lowest priority.