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The following is the DWR/Reclamation proposal for Delta Operations from December 23-27. The proposal follows, and is also attached as a "Word Perfect" file.

DWR/USBR Proposed Operations for December 23-27, 1999

Background: Continued high Delta outflows (16,000 cfs) and the opening of the Delta Cross Channel are beginning to improve salinities throughout most of the central and south Delta, prior to the approaching high spring tide December 22. Given the current salinity profile and the subsequent neap tide (beginning Dec. 23), the CVP and SWP operators propose to ramp up total exports to 8,000 cfs, over a four day period December 23 through December 27. The Delta Cross Channel will remain open during this period unless DAT requests closure, based on monitoring triggers.

Proposed Exports and Predicted Delta Outflow:

Date	Tracy	Clifton Court	Total Export	NDOI
Dec 22	700 cfs	3,300 cfs	4,000 cfs	11,000 cfs
Dec 23	700 cfs	4,300 cfs	5,000 cfs	10,000 cfs
Dec 24	3,000 cfs	3,000 cfs	6,000 cfs	9,000 cfs
Dec 25	4,000 cfs	3,000 cfs	7,000 cfs	8,000 cfs
Dec 26	4,000 cfs	4,000 cfs	8,000 cfs	7,000 cfs
Dec 27	4,000 cfs	4,000 cfs	8,000 cfs	6,500 cfs

Delta Cross Channel:

The DCC will remain open, unless salmon monitoring triggers a request for closure. Based on DAT's recommendation, if combined salmon catch (70-150 mm) at Knights Landing RST, Sacramento beach seines and Sacramento kodiak trawl is greater than 6 salmon/2 days, Reclamation will arrange for closure of the DCC within 24 hours of notification. Closure will be for five consecutive days, and will continue if the monitoring trigger is repeated.

Proposed Reservoir Releases:

Continuing current releases:

Sacramento River (Keswick): 5500 cfs  
 American River (Nimbus): 2350 cfs  
 Feather River: (Oroville/Thermolito): 3500 cfs

Continuing Operations after December 27:

DWR and Reclamation will continue to monitor salinity and tidal conditions. The seven day forecast has no rain, so Delta inflows and outflows for the next 7-10 days will be predictable. Based on historical data, about 5000-7000 cfs of Delta outflow is considered to be sufficient to maintain a safe salinity profile for protection of water quality objectives, given the planned exports, inflows and tidal conditions through December 27. DWR and Reclamation will reevaluate conditions Monday, December 27. We recommend a follow-up discussion with the DAT or NNG at that time.

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