

## 2032 WMP Revised Approach: INSTREAM FLOW & BAY INFLOW CRITERIA

Refer to section 4.4. of the 2020 WMP for additional context and tables. Provided below is abridged information that describes the proposed changes to the 2020 WMP included in the 2032 WMP Revised Approach. The changes to 2020 WMP are noted by striking the original text and presenting the revised approach text in yellow or green highlighting. Yellow highlights are indicative of proposed changes included in staff's initial approach presented in June 2025, and green highlights are additional changes included the revised approach in November 2025.

### Instream Flows Triggers

Combined Storage on Evaluation Date	Instream Flow Criteria Level	Source
Above 1.96 million acre-feet	Base-Average	Buchanan & Travis Storable Inflows (SI)
<del>1.8</del> 1.86 to 1.96 million acre-feet	Base-Dry	Buchanan & Travis SI
Below <del>1.8</del> 1.86 million acre-feet*	Subsistence	Buchanan & Travis SI & Stored Water (SW)

\*See Tier 4 Criteria applicable to Columbus and Wharton for combined storage below 900,000 1.3 million acre-feet.

### Instream Flows Tier 4 at Columbus and Wharton

Combined Storage on Evaluation Date	Instream Flow Criteria Level
<del>Below 900,000</del> 900,000 to 1.3 million acre-feet	Subsistence: Storable Inflows (SI) only Tier 4: Stored Water (SW) only
Below 900,000 acre-feet	Tier 4: SI & SW

### Subsistence and Tier 4 Criteria:

Instream Flow Criteria Level*	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Subsistence at Columbus	340	375	375	299	425	534	342	190	279	190	202	301
Tier 4 at Columbus	190	279	279	190	279	279	279	190	190	190	190	190
Subsistence at Wharton	315	303	204	270	304	371	212	107	188	147	173	202
Tier 4 at Wharton	158	152	107	135	152	186	107	107	107	107	107	107

\*Flow in cubic feet per second

**Bay Operational Triggers**

<b>Combined Storage on Evaluation Date (million acre-feet)</b>	<b>Freshwater Inflow Criteria</b>
1.95 and above (March 1 and July 1) <del>4.85</del> <b>1.95</b> and above (Nov. 1)	OP-4
1.5 to 1.949 (March 1 and July 1) 1.5 to <del>1.849</del> <b>1.949</b> (Nov. 1)	OP-3
1.3 to 1.499	OP-2
<del>4.0</del> <b>1.1</b> to 1.299	OP-1
Below <del>4.0</del> <b>1.1</b> (anytime)	Threshold

**Bay Condition Limited to Threshold**

1. If combined storage falls below ~~4.0~~ **1.1** million acre-feet at any time during a month, Threshold is the only freshwater inflow criteria in effect for that month.
2. If combined storage on the evaluation date is less than ~~4.3~~ **1.45** million acre-feet and interruptible stored water for the Gulf Coast, Lakeside and Pierce Ranch agricultural operations is cut off for the season, Threshold is the only freshwater inflow criteria in effect until the next evaluation date. (For the November to February period, the determination of whether interruptible stored water is cut off is based on the preceding irrigation season.)

**Maximum Bay Release Volumes**

<b>Combined Storage (million acre-feet)</b>	<b>Maximum Release for Bay Criteria (acre-feet)</b>
Above <del>4.5</del> <b>1.6</b>	82,000 <b>60,000</b>
<del>4.3 to 1.499</del> <b>1.4 to 1.599</b>	56,000 <b>40,000</b>
Below <del>4.3</del> <b>1.4</b>	25,000 <b>20,000</b>

**Bay Release Percentage Limit \***

<b>Combined Storage (million acre-feet)</b>	<b>Bay Release Percentage*</b>
Above <del>4.5</del> <b>1.6</b>	60 <b>50%</b>
Below <del>4.5</del> <b>1.6</b>	50 <b>40%</b>

\*Percentage limits are applied after the first ~~15,000~~ **10,000** acre-feet for a month.