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We were spending a lot of time on the OMR onset criteria. Definitely needed to be clarified where the estimate of "5% of the population" was expected to come from (DOSS? SacPAS?) but I was commenting that after that clarification (sounds like Reclamation is thinking of the DOSS estimates, at least initially -- Jeff and Josh will work to clarify on Friday), I wasn't too concerned about the onset criteria themselves (and wondered if others were). In principle, it is logically inconsistent that Reclamation argues for "monitoring-based" onset criteria...but only if it delays the onset after January 1. In practice, I don't think their criteria will appreciably change the onset date(s) compared to current ops since in all but the driest years, 5% (and usually more) of winter-run have reached the Delta by Jan 1.

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