

Statewide Environmental Flows Workgroup

A Workgroup of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council

Meeting Agenda

Date: August 7th, 2018

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Location: CalEPA building, 1001 I Street - Training Room 1 East/West

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Mission of the Workgroup

The mission of the California Environmental Flows Workgroup is to advance the science of ecological flows assessment and its application for supporting management decisions aimed at balancing natural resource needs with consumptive water uses to establish environmental flows. The mission will be accomplished by providing a forum for coordination and technical exchanges among government agencies, academic institutions, tribes, and non-governmental organizations in California focused on understanding environmental flow needs and establishing ecological flow criteria grounded in science. The workgroup will strive to improve agency and public access to ecological and environmental flow data, information and tools related to ecological flow assessments, and to provide a common vision for use of tools and science-based information to support sound decision making.

1. Introductions
2. Recap and update on action items from last meeting
 - Follow up on tribal communication
 - Follow up for basin planning presentation
 - Web site review
 - Distribute CEFF workplan for review by the workgroup
3. Round robin updates from workgroup participants
4. Charter approval
5. Update on E-flows glossary
6. Update on development of functional flow calculator

7. Roadmap for developing Tier 2 framework and status of work on Tier 2
 - Overview of Tier 2 framework
 - Discussion of situation that triggers the need for Tier 2
 - Discussion of key management questions from the agencies
 - Process for identifying ecological endpoints – feedback from the group
 - Overview of state geomorphic classification
 - Interest in more detailed webinar following the meeting
 - Identification of priority topics/issues for further discussion by the workgroup

8. State Water Board's existing environmental flows mapping tool
 - a. Overview of functionality
 - b. Request for review and feedback

9. Wrap up and action items

10. Potential topics for Fall (November 13) meeting – additional items added during meeting
 - Presentation of natural flows database
 - Rate of depletion from SGMA plans – how to relate to environmental flows
 - ✓ Communicate with key groups on the products of this group
 - ✓ Identify potential case studies
 - Calendar dates for 2019 meetings