

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

**California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, July 9th – 9:00 AM to 3:15 PM

Delta Conservancy Conference Room
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REMOTE ACCESS: There will be web conferencing available via WebEx during this meeting. Please see instructions at the end of the agenda. Call-in number **888-861-1254** Participant access code: **737615#** is also available.

Item	1	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Introduction and Announcements	10 min
	1) Introductions 2) Review notes from last CEMW meeting 3) Review agenda for today	
Desired Outcome:	Approve meeting notes	
Attachment:	051414 notes.docx	
Notes:	Tiffany Brown, Val Connor, Kelsey Cowin, Jay Davis, Matt Dekar, Kristal Fadtko, Stephanie Fong, Erin Foresman, Bill Foster, Tony Hale, Cathy Hallinan, Lauren Hastings, April Hannessy, Daniel Huang, Kris Jones, Judy Kelly, Jason Lofton, Jen Nix, Amye Osti, Dave Osti, Anitra Pawley, Shaun Philippart, John Ryan, Hilide Spautz, Meghan Sullivan, Tina Swanson, Bill Templin, Vyomini Upadhyay, Lori Webber, Betsy Wells, Dave Zezulak	

Item	2	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Liaison Reports	45 min
Background:	The Monitoring Council and the Council’s workgroups are actively working on several items (SB 1070). This agenda item is for the routine update on key activities or decisions made by other workgroups or the Council, followed by a brief	

	<p>discussion of how the activities would impact the CEMW.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CA WQMC: Kris Jones 2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: Kristal Davis Fadtkke and Kris Jones 3. Healthy Streams Partnership: Lori Webber 4. Data management Workgroup: Tony Hale 5. BOG workgroup for "Is it safe to eat fish?": Kris Jones 6. Safe to Swim Workgroup: Kris Jones 7. Ocean/Rocky Intertidal Workgroup: Kris Jones
Desired Outcome	Information Exchange and ideas to integrate existing Portals
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CA WQMC- Jon Marshack attended the National Monitoring Council Conference in April and provided a poster presentation on the Estuary Portal. The last Monitoring Council Meeting saw presentations made on the Ocean Portal, The Triennial audit, and the SWAMP programmatic review. The next meeting will take place on September 3rd. The results from the Triennial Audit will be released by the end of summer. 2. CWMW- The group has not met recently. 3. Healthy Streams- The next meeting will be on August 15th. 4. Data Management- The group is currently developing new roles and responsibilities and discussing a business plan. 5. BOG- The group has not met recently. 6. Safe to Swim- The next meeting will be on July 23rd. They have been discussing SB 1395, new legislation that hopes to improve poor water quality detection time on beaches. 7. Ocean/Rocky Intertidal Workgroup- The group is still conducting a scoping activities. The group looks to focus on the integration between Marine Protected Areas and areas of special biological significance, Harmful Algal Blooms, and Ocean Acidification.

Item	3	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	State of the Bay Report Indicators	165 min
Background:	<p>Since we've modeled the Estuaries Portal after the 2011 SOTB Report and are trying to collaborate on making the next report an estuary report for 2015, we've invited some of the people who helped develop indicators to provide a bit of background on indicator selection and development. We're hoping this will help us develop Delta indicators to be used in the STOE Report for 2015.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intro and additional background-Judy Kelly (5 min) 2. Fish, shrimp/crab, flood, outflow, and X2-Tina Swanson (90 min) 3. Birds-Nadav Nur (30 min) 4. Tidal marsh extent indicator-April Robinson (not confirmed yet) (10 min) 5. Water quality-Jay Davis (not confirmed yet) (30) 	
Desired Outcome	DECISION: Do we have the resources to perform the same types of analyses for the Delta in time to produce a joint State of the Estuary Report for 2015? Does the	

	CEMW authorize WBs move forward as needed?
Contact Person:	Bill Templin William.Templin@water.ca.gov Hildie Spautz Hildegard.Spautz@wildlife.ca.gov
Attachment:	HOMEWORK: Especially for Attribute Leads and Sub-leads, please be familiar with the State of the Bay Report http://www.sfestuary.org/about-the-estuary/sotb/ and Technical Appendixes (at least for the Attributes you're interested in)
Notes:	<p>Presentations were given by Judy Kelly (SFEP), Tina Swanson (NRDC), Jay Davis (SFEI), and Anitra Pawley (DWR) about background information on what it took to develop the 2011 SOTB Report and how they approached developing indicators for the report.</p> <p>Judy Kelly reminded the group that the development of these indicators did not originate from the 2011 report, but were built upon previous work that had been developed. A key take away point was that there must be realization that there will never be a perfect benchmark, but you must find one that makes sense and is reasonable. Tina Swanson and Anitra discussed how the indicators were picked and developed from the early Bay Institute Score Card efforts and pointed out that the Grand Challenges are important to keep in mind, but indicators will not address them specifically.</p> <p>Their PowerPoints are available for review on the ASANA website.</p>
Decision:	The workgroup decided that it would try and develop indicators for the Delta based on the main topics. With the caveat that if we could not meet the December 2014 deadline, these indicators could be further developed and used at a later date

Item		Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Lunch Break-on your own	60 min
Attachment:	none	

Item	4	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Update from Coordination Meetings	15 min
Background:	<p>In efforts to bring in other resources and other estuaries, various coordination efforts and meetings have been underway. Updates will be provided on discussions with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bob Pincus 2. Jennifer Nix (Morro Bay National Estuary Project) 3. Kevin O'Connor (MLML)-Wetlands 4. Jessica Davenport (DSC) and Bill Foster (Propoint) 	
Desired Outcome	Update	

Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org
Attachment:	none
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The workgroup met with Bob Pincus, his focus was on the project management aspect of the portal, but with lack of funds it is not possible to work with him at this time. 2. Jen Nix with the Morro Bay National Estuary will be exploring options on how to add Morro Bay to the Estuary Portal. 3. Kevin O'Connor and the Moss Landing Marine Lab were rewarded an EPA grant that the Estuary Workgroup wrote a letter of support for. 4. Bill Foster has been working with the Delta Stewardship Council on how to structure the Delta Plan's Performance Measures. He and the Performance measure group will be presenting on the Council at the end of July. The workgroup is interested in their approach to indicators for the water quality and ecosystem restoration Performance Measures.

Item	5	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Worker Bee Update	70 min
Background:	<p>Worker Bee section leads have initial workplans developed and are starting to implement them for Phase II Portal development. Draft 1-page workplans identify resources needed and used, provide a way to track progress, and identify interim deliverables or milestones.</p> <p>We will get updates from the Attribute Section Leads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water: Erin Foresman 2. Living Resources: Shaun Philippart <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fish: Kris Jones/Matt Dekar (20 min) 3. Habitat: Kristal Davis Fadtk/Hildie Spautz 4. Ecological Processes: Hildie Spautz 5. Stewardship: Bill Templin <p>We will also discuss procedures for informal vs formal approvals for content changes, how 34N will be used, and a refresher on using the ASANA site as a resource.</p>	
Desired Outcome	Information share and general direction from larger CEMW as needed	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org Bill Templin William.Templin@water.ca.gov	
Attachment:	none	
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water- The subgroup have an outline of how they would like to proceed based off of the EPA's focus on 9 TMDLS. The subgroup will meet and discuss assignments later in the summer. 2. Living Resources- The subgroup will be meeting later in the summer to 	

	<p>discuss moving forward on the lower foodweb and bird updates. The Fish group have developed updates based on the Juvenile Fish Monitoring data. Matt Dekar presented at the meeting and showed potential ways we could display this data. The group is currently mocking up potential additions for the portal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Habitat- The subgroup is continuing outreach and work based off their workplan. 4. Ecological Process- Hildie Spautz, the leader of the subgroup, will be focusing her time on coordinating with the SOTE 2015 group. 5. Stewardship- The subgroup has developed a workplan and will be setting up a date to meet.
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Item	6	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Wrap up	10 min
Background:	<p>Recap of any suggestions/decisions made, tasks assigned along with due dates for those tasks, and next steps.</p> <p>-Possible smaller group meetings- July 22nd or 23rd to discuss new Bay indicators, July 23rd update with Letitia, many additional Attribute group meetings</p>	
Desired Outcome	Clear communication and expectations	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	

Parking Lot: Items not addressed during this meeting, but should be brought back for discussion at a later date. This list is not prioritized.	
<p>Title of Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance measures • Climate change • Jellyfish in the zooplankton story • Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc) 	
<p>Important Dates:</p> <p>Update to the State of Science Report</p> <p>Future MAST Report?</p> <p>Future IEP Newsletter?</p>	<p>Likely Contact Person:</p> <p>Darcy Austin</p> <p>Matt/Larry/Gregg</p> <p>Bill/Randy/?</p>