

California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup
October 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes
SFEI, Oakland

Attendees:

In attendance:

Andree Greenberg, S.F. RWQCB
Cameron Johnson, USACE SF
Chad Dibble, CDFG
Cliff Harvey, State Water Board
Craig Wilson, CDFG
Eric Stein, SCCWRP
John Oram, SFEI
Jon Marshack, State Water Board
Josh Collins, SFEI
Melissa Scianni, USEPA
Paul Jones, USEPA
Phillip Shannin, USACE SF
Tom Cavanaugh, USACE Sac
Tony Chappelle, WCB

On phone:

Bruce Psthumus, S.D. RWQCB
Chad Roberts, Humboldt Bay Hrbr
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Chris Potter, Resources Agency
Cori Farrar, USACE Los Angeles
Dave Castanon, USACE LA
Eric Gillies, CA SLC
Genevieve Sparks, C.V. RWQCB
Kevin O'Connor, MLML
Ross Clark, CA Coastal Commission
Teri Gaines, DWR

Meeting Minutes from 8/26/2009 (Craig Wilson)

- Add to the Wetland Strategy item:
 - Wetland Strategy document should be submitted to the Monitoring Council for endorsement prior to being sent to the State Water Board for policy adoption.
- Minutes approved, pending the change above.

Wetland Data Portal

Update on Status (Jon Oram)

- SFEI is working on the test version of the Portal; mock-ups of the pages are available
- SB1070 Council would like to go live with the Portal in November
- **Action Item:** We need to develop a link between CWMW and SB1070 IT workgroup.
- **Action item:** Oram will send around mock ups and a meeting will be scheduled early next week to discuss comments, review mock ups by October 20, review of beta version will take place after October 20.

Data Management (Eric Stein)

- SB1070 wants us to provide a proposal for data management and updating.
- This Data Management Memo may be part of the Council strategy document that will go to the secretaries in the spring.
- The State of the State's Wetlands Report and our Data Management Memo need to have the same message.
- **Action Item:** EPA will seek funding to provide to a group (e.g. SFEI/SCWRRP) for a part-time position to support CWMW.
- **Action Item:** Between now and spring the Data Management Memo Eric drafted needs to be finalized and brought into the Council strategy document.
- **Action Item:** CWMW to review and provide comments on Eric's draft of the Data Management Memo.

State Wetland & Riparian Update (Josh Collins)

- State Policy TAT working on the following memos: Charter, Recommended state wetland definition, Landscape context of wetlands, Wetland delineation memo (will address how state definition and delineation differ from Corps)
- Classification system will be next item addressed by the TAT.

Wetland Monitoring Strategy (Josh, Eric, Paul, Cliff)

- **Action Item:** Establish a Level 1 committee. Josh Collins and Tony Chappelle will start forming the committee.
- **Action Item:** Establish a Level 2 committee. Paul Jones and Cliff Harvey will start forming the committee.
- **Action Item:** Eric will email out the funding priority table that the Technical Team developed.
- **Action Item:** Eric will work with Chris Potter to review the funding priorities and provide recommendations for moving them forward, including incorporation into the Strategy.

CRAM Implementation (Paul Jones, Cliff Harvey)

- Level 2 committee will maintain and coordinate CRAM and other condition assessment methods including, training, QA/QC, reference network, tool updates. The committee will provide a forum for agencies to discuss and review policy issues regarding CRAM.
- Start for membership: DFG, SWAMP, State Board, Interested Regional Boards, EPA, Corps, someone from the CRAM PI Team.

CRAM Technical Bulletin (Eric Stein)

- **Action Item:** Report accepted and will be posted on CRAM and CWMW websites.

Corps Mitigation Standards (Cori Farrar)

- Corps SPD is developing standardized mitigation guidelines (including ratios) and performance criteria.
- An internal final draft of guidelines will be available in spring. Will have Agency review (including at CWMW) sometime in spring.
- **Action Item:** Convene a meeting to discuss mechanisms to coordinate the statewide wetland monitoring strategy with the Corps mitigation and monitoring efforts. Paul Jones will develop an agenda in coordination with Cori and Tom.

Announcements

- CRAM Peer Review for State Water Board: UC Berkeley has the documents and is starting the review. This process will take 2 months or more to complete.
- Future Meetings: Set dates for all of 2010 (see below).

Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be on Thursday, January 17 from 9-4 at SCCWRP.

Items to cover at the January meeting:

- Classification
- Report on Level 1 & 2 Committees
- Report on the Corps/State monitoring coordination meeting
- Data Management Memo- will be finalized at the meeting

Potential Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Examination of CRAM peer review

Review of CIAP Workplan

SWAMP discussion with Terry Fleming from EPA

State agency comments on the WDP report

2010 Meeting Dates

January 14 @ SCCWRP
March 9 @ State Water Board

May 18 @ SFEI
July 15 @ SCCWRP

September 16 @ State Water Board
November 16 @ SFEI