CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 – 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

IMPOTANT INFORMATION!!

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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:	Word: CEMW 072313 notes.docx	

Item	2	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	**Liaison Reports**	30 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 discussion of how the activities would impact the CEMW.	
	1. CA WQMC: Jon Marshack and Kris Jones 2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: Kristal Davis Fadtke and Kris Jones 3. Healthy Streams Partnership: Lori Webber 4. Data management Workgroup: Meredith Williams 5. Joint meeting of Data Workgroup with other workgroups: Hilde Spautz 6. BOG workgroup for "Is it safe to eat fish?": still looking for liaison 7. Beach workgroup for "Is it Safe to Swim?": still looking for liaison 8. Ocean Workgroup: still forming	

NOTES:	1. CA WQMC: Jon Marshack	
	a. Wed Aug. 28th? Frasier shilling sharing Cal Water Plan – framework of indicators.	
	b. Estuaries Portal Beta – approval before lunch	
	c. Rocky Intertidal portal	
	d. Delta Science Plan – Reiner Hoenike – going to present	
	e. Beginning of discussion of triennial audit of implementation of monitoring council strategy	
	2. Wetlands update – Kristal Davis	
	a. New modules ready	
	b. CRAM coordinator – to use cram as an assessment tool	
	c. ACOE officially endorsed CRAM as an assessment tool	
	d. Bio objectives for streams presentation available	
	e. Got an EPA program grant for project tracking, working with IEP, ways to assess restoration efficacy	
	4. Data management	
	a. Did give update ecoatlas released, automated uploading	
	b. Cram data entry tool released on aug 6	
	c. Pilot study – regional board – automated features, administrative review, looking for funding for next priority	
	d. CARI version released – currently not downloadable, on hold due to lack of funding	
	e. Whose going to take over stewardship of CARI	
Desired Outcome	Information Exchange and Guidance on how to integrate existing Portals	
Contact Person:	Jon Marshack jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	

Item	3	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	**Portal beta demonstration**	70 min
Background:	34 North is working with SWRCB staff to imbed the CEMW-developed materials into the My Water Quality website. This will be a live beta demonstration by 34 North. As agreed at our last meeting, this is not a time for word-smithing of future desires to be expressed. Those issues will be discussed after initial launch. This review is to catch show-stopping errors before presentation to the Monitoring Council on the 28th.	
Desired Outcome	**Decision:** approve beta version of Portal for launch	
NOTES	Discussed various small issues over pages.	

	J. Lofton had issue with stressors text on fish page being consistent with opening SF Estuary in crisis page, asked that they be consistent with one another. Group agree. **Beta version of Portal should be available for review mid-September. CEMW meeting will occur in late September to provide final review before launch.**
Action items:	1. Coordinate on how many estuaries there are, maps 2. Send all small changes to Emily DeMarco, edemarco@sfcwa.org 3. Show-stoppers to Stephanie Fong
DECISION	Approved current version of Estuaries Portal for Monitoring Council Meeting
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org

Item	**4**	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	**Data Priorities List**	5 min
Background:	Update from Worker Bees regarding Data Priorities List sent to Jon Marshack	
Desired Outcome	Information Exchange	
Notes	Are there certain existing data from state agencies that can be linked to electronically and need web services? See list on California Estuaries Workgroup Tools Site	
Action Item	If you have more datasets to add, please get to S. Fong as soon as possible – reference whose and where	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	

Item	**5**	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	**Coordinated Press Release for the Estuaries Portal Launch**	10 min
Background:	Worker Bees discussed the desire to coordinate a press release around the launch of the Estuaries Portal. The purpose of this agenda item is to begin discussion of what, if any, media/event the CEMW wants around the launch of the initial portal version and call for volunteers to develop a more complete plan to implement those desires.	
Desired Outcome	Discussion, list of interested worker bees to move forward	
Notes:	J. Marshack noted that for the Wetlands Portal release – collective language was created that was acceptable to SFEI and the Monitoring Council. Organizations did their own press release at the same time with coordinated messages.	

	M. Williams noted that Wetlands Portal will be tweeting during State of the Estuary conference.	
Action Item	Jon Rosenfield will coordinate a meeting for press release and those interested can participate.	
Contact Person:	Jon Rosenfield, jon.tbi@gmail.com	

Item	**6**	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	**Long Term Planning**	10 min
Background:	The need for long term planning has been discussed at both the CEMW and Worker Bee Meetings. The purpose of this brief discussion is to acknowledge the request from group members for the need to have a decisive plan of action, with clear objectives and deliverables for the future. Some group members think that initiating planning for the future is important now because developing a "working document" plan will • provide an opportunity to reflect on past goals and accomplishments • be a framework for an in-depth discussion at a later date • allow IEP and other stakeholders to direct the worker bees in the future • guide efficient work efforts by prioritizing next steps Others would prefer to wait until after the launch, allowing folks to digest the first version of the Estuaries Portal. Planning could resume at the end of the year. Performance measures - Ask agency what they want – do they want to hand over performance measures or want to develop. Heard from others beef up water section, add easily to water section. Erin and valentina already working on those. Could you guys put pen to paper put the plan for the plan – Broaden scope, deepen, meet with agencies, TBI can reiterate in writing that we need a plan, hey get involved, give input Guided Igor, Bill, Val in beginning – king or queen for a day, vision for success, driven how we approached the workgroup. If your agency will allow you to participate – what do you need. Get statistics for users from users tab 1. Planning includes – who to contact and demonstrate portal to 2. Game plan – relay to Jon who can contribute to what, over the next 12 months, 3. Set up a phone call, Anke, doodle poll through lyris. Description. Meeting plan time – different agenda depending on who answers	

Notes	General agreement to move forward now, with initial planning.
Action Item	Jon Rosenfield will draft initial notes for planning based on discussion. Jon Rosenfield will coordinate meeting for mid September. Ali Weber-Stover will send
Desired Outcome	Discussion/direction from the CEMW
Contact Person:	Alison Weber-Stover weberstover@tbi.org

Item	6	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	**Wrap up**	10 min
Background:	Go over decisions and action items of the day.	
Desired Outcome		
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.	
Title of Topic: • Initiation of long-term planning meeting • Performance measures • Climate change • Habitat – linking to the Wetlands Portal • Coordinating with State of the Estuary folks on their next report • List of workgroup website desires for data analysis, manipulation & graphing functions from 34North • Jellyfish in the zooplankton story • Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc)	
Important Dates:	Contact Person: