

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 13th – 9:00 AM to 12:00 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. Call-in number **888-861-1254** Participant access code: **737615#** and join the WebEx meeting from here: <https://meetings.webex.com/collabs/meetings/join?uuid=M035J1MYY8QJX9F2PXUGQZ3GSL-GQBN>

Item	1	
Title of Topic:	Introduction and Announcements	
	1) Introductions and announcements 2) Review notes from last CEMW meeting 3) Review agenda for today	
Desired Outcome:	Approve meeting notes	
Attachment:	031115 CEMW notes.pdf	
Notes:	Consultant: Stephan McCord, CDFW: Hildie Spautz, CVRWQCB: Selena Cole, DSC/DSP: Megan Brooks, Maggie Christman, Juliet Lamont, Delta Conservancy: Kristal Fadtke, DWR: April Hennessy, Betsy Wells, Monitoring Council: Kris Jones, SFCWA: Kelsey Cowin, Stephanie Fong, SFEI: Tony Hale, SRCSD: Sam Safi, Tim Mussen, USFWS: Matt Dekar, USGS: Bryan Downing, 34 North: Amye Osti, Dave Osti	

Item	2	
Title of Topic:	Liaison Reports	
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 Fadtke 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
<p>Desired Outcome:</p>	<p>Information Exchange and ideas for enhancing the Estuaries Portal</p>
<p>Contact Person:</p>	<p>Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov</p>
<p>Notes:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Monitoring Council will met on May 29th in Costa Mesa. Jim Kreft (USGS) will present and demonstrate the capability of the National Water Quality Portal. The Council will discuss possible connections between the national and local portals. Dr. Guangyu Wang, the Deputy Director of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission will share the efforts made by the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program to assess and report on the ecosystem health of Santa Monica Bay. The Council would like to facilitate collaboration with this group in collection and sharing of this monitoring data. The Sacramento River Watershed Program will also present on their new program to develop a webportal based on Water Quality for the Sacramento River, which would be a good connection for the Estuary Portal. Brock Bernstein will provide an update on progress, challenges, and opportunities in developing regional report cards for the San Diego River watershed. 2. The Wetlands Workgroup met on May 5th, they continue their strategic planning efforts and business plan. 3. Healthy Streams Partnership is considering changing their name to the Healthy Watershed Partnership. They will be taking a watershed approach in their development of next steps. 4. The data Management workgroup met on April 7th and had a presentation on the Water Board Data Systems and Data Standards. They are looking for ways to incorporate this and other data systems better into the Portals. 5. The BOG met on April 15 to discuss a draft report from USGS on a Wildlife study from 2012-2013 on mercury accumulation in grebes and small fish. They are developing a tool to estimate bioaccumulation based on specific environmental conditions. 6. State of Swim- No Update 7. Oceans- No Update

Item	3	
Title of Topic:	State of the Estuary Report Coordination	
Background:	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 would like to discuss specific linkages that could be made.	
Desired Outcome:	Discussion of options for linkages that could be made between the Portal and SOTER, and determine the process the CEMW will use to prioritize linkages and assess the level of effort involved. A timeline will be determined for providing this information to Letitia Grenier and Tony Hale.	
Contact Person:	Hildie Spautz Hildegarde.Spautz@wildlife.ca.gov	
Notes:	The workgroup discussed how the State of the Estuary Report (SOTER) and the Portal will link together after the report has been published. The SOTER will be available in print and as an EBook. The EBook will provide the greatest source of connection between the SOTER and Portal, with the ability to animate indicators and link to additional information. The final content has not been finalized. The Workgroup was concerned about the use of organization's logos as a blanket approval of all the content, and will need to develop a mechanism to approve logo use. The Estuary Partnership will keep us apprised of any deadlines, and members of the CEMW will be provided with material for their management to approve for logo use.	

Item	4	
Title of Topic:	Worker Bee Updates	
Background:	<p>Worker Bees have been implementing 2014 work plans for Phase II Portal development. Those work plans were finalized in March, but there have been many changes in direction with all the SOTER coordination. At the January meeting, we talked about the need to revise our workplans to better track progress, and identify interim deliverables or milestones. LR has already met and will share their draft 2015 Workplan.</p> <p>We will get updates from the Attribute Section Leads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water: Erin Foresman/Stephanie Fong (10 minutes) 2. Living Resources: Shaun Philippart 3. Habitat: Kristal Davis Fadtker/Hildie Spautz 4. Ecological Processes: Hildie Spautz 5. Stewardship: Sam Safi and Kristal Davis Fadtker 	
Desired Outcome:	Information share and general direction from larger CEMW as needed.	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Water Pages have been launched. The workgroup is still waiting for the update TMDL factsheets from Tetra Tech, and they will be incorporated when provided. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Living Resources group will be meeting at the end of May. Now that the State of the Estuary Report indicators have been developed, next steps will be incorporating them on the Portal. The contract for the expansion of the Water Quality Conditions Report is moving forward. 3. The Habitat group will being to develop their State of the Estuary Report indicators into new portal pages. 4. Ecological Process is looking to prioritize a way forward. Hildie Spautz will coordinate the development of list of topics and at the next meeting the group will discuss a focus. 5. The Stewardship group is working on mock ups for additional portal pages. When those have been fully developed, the group will receive them for review.
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Item	5	
Title of Topic:	Portal Look and Feel	
Background:	We've spoken many times about possibly changing the look and feel of the Portal, but no one has brought examples to share until now. Kris provided a nice presentation style for us to consider. Please take a look at the web link below and feel free to bring any suggestions or examples to the meeting.	
Desired Outcome:	Brainstorming	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	
Attachments:	http://www.chesapeakebay.net/managementstrategies	
Notes:	34 North presented some additional layout options from Bay Delta Live that expand on the story telling and data visualization options for the portal. The group will continue to look at options for a new look and feel to the portal.	

Item	6	
Title of Topic:	CEMW Business Review	
Background:	The recently released Triennial Audit Report calls on California government agencies and the legislature to provide dedicated funding and staff to sustain and grow the Monitoring Council's workgroup efforts in order to fully implement the Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California. The audit report commits the Monitoring Council and its workgroups to provide the legislature and agency secretaries with the details of what is needed, in the form of workgroup business plans, within one year. According to the Audit Report, these business plans will outline specific needs (staff positions, budgets, etc.) and will highlight existing departmental mandates that can be addressed more effectively through the Monitoring Council's collaborative workgroup processes, tools, and the My Water Quality web portals. The goal of these business plans it to get a precise handle on resource needs to meet current goals and to ensure sustainability into the future.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the March 11 CEMW meeting (Agenda Item 5), Kris Jones led a discussion regarding the formation of a subcommittee to develop the business plans. He plans to schedule the first subcommittee meeting in late May, and is still seeking additional participation in these efforts.
Desired Outcome:	Communication of timelines and expectations.
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov
Notes:	Kris Jones and Jon Marshack will be developing a business plan template for the workgroups to work with. The subgroup dedicated to the Business review should reconvene after the July CEMW meeting.

Item	7	
Title of Topic:	Facilitation	
Background:	Stephanie has been facilitating the CEMW for over two years, and due to workload increases, cannot continue on in the same capacity. The CEMW will be asking for Chair or Co-Chair nominations. A formal call was made to the CEMW lyrics list with deadlines and expectations. An update will be provided.	
Desired Outcome:	Discussion and update	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Notes:	No nominations were made for a new facilitator. Stephanie Fong will continue as Chair, but will keep nominations open for those who are interested.	

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance measures Climate change Jellyfish in the zooplankton story Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc) 	
Important Dates:	Likely Contact Person:
Update to the State of Science Report	Darcy Austin
SAIL (Salmon MAST) Report?	Matt/Rachel Johnson
Future IEP Newsletter?	Bill/Randy/?

