

California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup  
August 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes  
SFEI, Oakland

**Attendees:**

In attendance:

Cliff Harvey, State Water Board  
Craig Wilson, DFG  
Eric Stein, SCCWRP  
Gail Kuenster, DWR  
Josh Collins, SFEI  
Jon Marshak, State Water Board  
Kevin O'Connor, MLML  
Louisa Squires, SCVWD  
Melissa Scianni, USEPA  
Meredith Williams, SFEI  
Paul Jones, USEPA  
Tom Cavanaugh, USACE  
Sacramento

On phone:

Chris Potter, Resources Agency  
Cori Farrar, USACE LA  
Genevieve Sparks, CV RWQCB  
Isabelle Bear, DFG  
Chris Solek, SCCWRP  
Ben Livsey – SF RWQCB  
Andree Greenberg – SF RWQCB

**WRAMP Implementation**

- Santa Clara Valley Water District Pilot WRAMP
  - District wanted to move away from project-based assessment to a broader watershed-based assessment to support their stewardship mission. Also wanted a set of tools that would fit into larger state projects/assessments
  - Use ambient assessment via CRAM to produce Ecological Service Indices and use these to assign ecological levels of service to specific streams
  - Watershed profile reports will be produced for all watersheds in their jurisdiction. The profiles support planning, permitting, management actions, etc.
  - CWMW would be interested in getting a lessons learned summary from the District
  - **Action Item:**
    - CWMW will send a letter to the District's board. Letter will include: Thanks for taking initiative and for sharing report; Support for adoption of Framework, consistent with Council Memo; usefulness to other agencies. Paul Jones will draft letter.

- Symposium
  - CWMW will put on a 1 or 2 day symposium/workshop to share experience in WRAMP implementation.
  - Will be held in February in Sacramento area
  - USEPA can provide funding. This could also be coordinated through the Watershed Academy
  - Keynote address by the State Water Board on WRAMP implementation and WRAPP
  - Maximum of six presentations for the day after the keynote – choose the best examples of integration that solves particular problems at the local levels
    - Developing alternatives analysis using 1-2-3
    - Prioritizing restoration/mitigation planning using 1-2-3
    - Ambient assessment
    - Permit tracking
    - Project performance
    - Policy performance
  - **Action Items:**
    - Talk with Watershed Training Academy (Jon and Cliff)
    - Finalize venue and date (ad hoc committee)
    - Draft agenda (ad hoc committee). Circulate back through Workgroup via email for comment.

### **State Board Wetland and Riparian Area Policy**

- Good progress on classification and stream definition.
- Progress on both policy and regulation development – in for management review in Fall 2011. DEIR for public review March 2012. Target adoption for end of 2012.
- Each water board will eventually need to amend their basin plans to incorporate the new wetland Policy and to designate specific water bodies using the beneficial uses.

### **Wetlands Portal**

- Lots of functionality added to tracker. Not as much work has been done on eCRAM. Eventually eCRAM functionality will be merged into tracker.

- Have CIAP money now to work on eCRAM. L2 committee has provided priority actions.
- Working on changing portal content to look more like other portals.
- There was discussion about the relationship between eCRAM, Tracker, Portal, and Atlas
- **Action Item:**
  - Tom and Meredith will investigate whether Sacramento District's six-county aquatic resource inventory can be hosted on Tracker.

### **Status and Trends Program**

- The team has agreed to: key technical issues, comprehensive mapping (including uplands), balanced approach to optimizing both status and trends, support other programs, draft classification system, including aquatic support areas.
- Final report targeted for summer 2012.
- Classification work currently being done will support the S&T program as well as WRAPP. Need to have classification discussion once TAT memo comes to CWMW.
- If anyone has interest in being involved, contact Eric Stein.

### **L2 Committee Update**

- Will be discussing proposed structural changes to CRAM at their next meeting (8/17).
- The November L2 meeting should be before the CWMW meeting so that the committee can report out to workgroup.
- **Action Items:**
  - Committee will prioritize work and maintain an active work plan. Kevin and Cliff will keep work plan up to date.
  - Discuss L2 priorities and proposed CRAM changes at next CWMW meeting.

### **Announcements**

- Climate workshop hosted by NOAA at SCCWRP Nov 16 and 17
- ELI In-Lieu training at SWCCRP in end of Sept

- Need to provide annual update to Council. Their final meeting is Nov 30. The report should include a statement about what this workgroup needs from the Council (e.g. symposium support).
  - **Action Item:** Eric will write first draft.

### **Future Meetings**

- Next meeting is November 15 at the State Board
- For time being, all future meetings will be held in Sacramento due the state travel ban.
- 2012 meeting dates will be set at next meeting
- Agenda Topics
  - L2: work priorities (send updated spreadsheet), inter-calibration exercise
  - WRAMP implementation: symposium and challenges/coordination
  - State Board Policy: Status update (timeline and policy vs regulation), classification, stream definition
  - Annual Report to Council