

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL
California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup
Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – 9:00 AM to 12:30

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



IMPOTANT INFORMATION!!

Snacks and coffee will be provided. Remote access to the meeting will be available via WebEx. Please find additional information at the bottom of the agenda.

| Item | 1 | Approx. Time |
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| Title of Topic: | Introduction and Announcements | 15 min |
| | Delta RMP activities (Meghan Sullivan/Val Connor/Rainer Hoenicke) Delta Conservancy activities (Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon/Kristal Davis Fadke) UMARP/Ecosystem Restoration efforts (Hilde Spautz) Update on relevant staffing changes, projects, and programs (all) | |

| Item | 2 | Approx. Time |
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| 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 discussion of how the activities would impact the CEMW. CA WQMC: Jon Marshack (from 3/7 mtg: liasons and hosting) CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: still looking for liaison Healthy Streams Partnership: Lori Weber Data management Workgroup: Meredith Williams Joint meeting of Data Workgroup with other workgroups: Hilde Spautz BOG workgroup for "Is it safe to eat fish?": still looking for liaison | |

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| | Beach workgroup for "Is it Safe to Swim?": still looking for liaison Ocean Workgroup: still forming |
| Desired Outcome | Information Exchange and Guidance on how to integrate existing Portals |
| Contact Person: | Jon Marshack jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov |

| Item | 3 | Approx. Time |
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| Title of Topic: | WIKI terms and definitions | 60 min |
| Background: | It's important to have a mutual understanding of terms used on the Portal, but many common terms have many definitions. Voting members of the CEMW are asked to review the attachment and highlight your preference for each definition where there are multiple options. If you have additional suggestions, please include them. Votes are due to Kelsey by Friday, March 15 th , so she can tally the results and we can discuss them during the meeting. | |
| Desired Outcome: | Decision: Single definitions that we can use for the Portal | |
| Attachment Links: | Definitions.xlsx | |
| Contact Person: | Kelsey Cowan KCowin@sfcwa.org | |

| Item | 4 | Approx. Time |
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| Title of Topic: | Framework for Portal questions | 30 min |
| Background: | <p>We've acknowledged the need to adopt a framework for addressing the question, "How healthy is my estuary?" on the public portal.</p> <p>At the last meeting Val presented an approach for using the framework for summarizing fish data. We are proposing adopting a similar structure to the State of the SF Bay Report (SOTB, 2011) for the portal, where key estuarine attributes are the basis for breaking down the estuary - delivering ecosystem health information in a coarse, digestible format for the general public.</p> <p>State of the Bay estuarine attributes were developed using EPA's key attributes for an ecological system. The estuarine attributes identified in the SOTB include the following:</p> | |

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| | <p>Water, Habitat, Living Resources, Ecological Processes, and Stewardship (Although not an estuarine attribute, the report also evaluates human actions that reduce impacts on the ecosystem)</p> <p>Due to current data available in the website, there will be an initial focus on foobweb questions for now. Volunteers for future focus topics are desired.</p> |
| Desired Outcome: | Decision: Approval of SOTB framework as a guide and process Volunteers for future focus “stories.” |
| Attachment Links: | http://www.sfei.org/projects/3721 particularly pg 6-7 |
| Contact Person: | Val Connor VConnor@sfcwa.org |

| Item | 5 | Approx. Time |
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| Title of Topic: | Portal maintenance and hosting | 30 min |
| Background: | The Water Boards have been hosting the Portals from inception, but it's time for another agency to take over hosting the content. The frame may still be housed by the Water Boards, but resources are needed to house and update the information within each Portals pages. Jon will discuss some considerations. 34 North can host it to avoid state CIO requirements until the CEMW is ready for a permanent solution. | |
| Desired Outcome: | Staff come to next meeting with options approved by management | |
| Contact Person: | Jon Marshack jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov | |

| Item | 6 | Approx. Time |
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| Title of Topic: | IEP Workshop presentation | 20 min |
| Background: | CEMW staff will be presenting both poster and oral presentations at this year's IEP Workshop April 24-26 th . Since we will not have another CEMW meeting before the IEP Workshop, we go over draft presentations, take suggestions, and incorporate comments with everyone's approval. | |
| Desired Outcome: | Decision: Approval of draft presentations | |

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| Attachment Links: | |
| Contact Person: | Amye Osti amye@34north.com |

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| 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: Jellyfish in the zooplankton story | |
| Important Dates: | Contact Person: |

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