

California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup  
February 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes  
SWRCB, Sacramento

**Attendees:**

In attendance:

Bill Orme, State Water Board  
Chad Dibble, DFG  
Chad Roberts, Humboldt Bay Hrbr  
Cliff Harvey, State Water Board  
Craig Wilson, DFG  
Eric Stein, SCCWRP  
Kevin O'Connor, MLML  
Melissa Scianni, USEPA  
Ross Clark, Coastal Commission  
Tom Cavanaugh, USACE  
Sacramento

On phone:

Cori Farrar, USACE LA  
Chris Potter, Resources Agency  
Jene Wizman, DWR

**Membership and Co-chairs**

- Co-chairs:
  - Federal: Tom Cavanaugh, USACE Sacramento
  - State: Craig Wilson, DFG
  - Technical: Eric Stein, SCCWRP
- Need to bring additional agencies onto workgroup. Classification discussion may be a good opportunity to get engagement.
- **Action Items:**
  - Josh and Bill will reach out to Fish & Wildlife Service
  - Bill and Jon will provide a list of members on current lyris list serve
  - A subcommittee will be set up for outreach purposes

**WRAMP Implementation**

- Wetland Program Plan Memo:
  - DFG and the State Board are preparing a joint document for EPA
  - A larger strategy document will not be prepared at this time because we already have the tenets document.
  - **Action Items:**
    - Melissa will check with Suzanne Marr about the official submittal and approval process for the Memo.

- WRAPP
  - The draft regulations and DEIR are planned for release in August.
  - The State Board is working on getting the wetland definition peer reviewed

### **WRAMP Outreach**

- Outreach to the JV's needs to continue.
- A small group from CWMW should go to each JV to discuss points of intersection among the groups.
- **Action Items:**
  - Chris Potter will contact JV executive directors to set up meetings
  - Chris will finalize outreach ppt. Comments on the presentation should be sent to Chris.
  - CWMW should engage the west coast JV Coordinator from FWS.
  - EPA and the Corps will develop a briefing document on CWMW and WRAMP for use in agency outreach efforts.
  - Eric will start drafting a document for how agencies can implement WRAMP.

### **Portal Coordination**

- SWAMP is the lead for the Healthy Streams Portal
- There are still plans to form a data management team
- The Estuaries Portal will initially focus on the SF Bay-Delta

### **CRAM Reference Network & QA Audit Teams**

- Next steps are to identify candidate reference sites and develop audit teams in the Central Valley and Bay Area.
- **Action Items:**
  - Need to discuss further at a future meeting

### **L1 and L2 Committee Update**

- L1:
  - Working on classification, mapping, and status & trend plots

- L2:
  - Focusing on CRAM training, module development, and QA procedures
  - **Action Items:**
  - L2 committee will create a list of projects and priorities that align with the Workplan. The list will be submitted to the CWMW for review.
  - CWMW will review the L2 Charter.

### **Updates**

- USACE Mitigation Guidelines: The ratio checklist is coming out soon. A larger mitigation document is in development. The vernal pool guidelines are being worked on separately. The next vernal pool forum is on March 17.
- State Board funding request to NRA: The SB1070 Council sent a memo to Natural Resources Agency addressing the need for funding and staff support. Briefings are ongoing at NRA.
- Santa Clara Valley Water District: Have completed their watershed assessment using WRAMP. The report has not been finalized.
- Delta Conveyance: The project will potentially use L1,2,3 in the alternatives analysis. DWR needs CRAM training.
- High Speed Rail: LA Corps has asked SCCWRP for help analyzing alternatives using L1,2,3 approach. SFEI is working with the State Board on advanced mitigation planning using a L1,2,3 approach.

### **Future Meetings**

2011 Meeting dates/locations:

Feb 15 @SWRCB  
May 17 @SCCWRP  
Aug 16 @ SFEI  
Nov 15 @ SCCWRP