

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

**California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup
Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, November 10th – 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:
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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	
Notes:	Aqua Science: Val Connor, Consultant: Stephan McCord (Phone), DSC/DSP: Maggie Christman, Delta Conservancy: Kristal Fadtke, DWR: Betsy Wells, Monitoring Council: Kris Jones, MWD: Russ Ryan, SFCWA: Kelsey Cowin, Stephanie Fong, SFEI: Cristina Grosso, SRCSD: Linda Dorn, SWRCB: Cliff Harvey (Phone), USFWS: Matt Dekar, 34 North: 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 discussion of how the activities would impact the CEMW. 1. CA WQMC: Kris Jones (15 min)	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: Kristal Davis Fadtke and Kris Jones 3. Healthy Watersheds Partnership: Lori Webber 4. Data Management Workgroup: Tony Hale/Christina Grosso 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
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The CA WQMC will be holding a subcommittee meeting on November 16 to review past successes and challenges with implementation of their recommended <i>Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California</i> and to develop recommendations to the full Monitoring Council regarding future changes to the strategy and/or implementation. 2. The Wetlands Workgroup are setting up sub-committees to focus on CRAM scores and Level I, II, III efforts. The group would also like to coordinate with the CEMW on the next round of Prop 1 funding. 3. Healthy Watersheds- No Update 4. The Data management group is setting up subcommittees to support recommendations for the Data white paper, specifically on data management plans, web services, and data federations. The group will meet again on January 5th. 5. BOG- No Update 6. Safe to Swim- No Update 7. Oceans- No Update

Item	3	
Title of Topic:	State of the Estuary Report Coordination	
Background:	<p>Since the release of the State of the Estuary Report, Kris, Hildie, Tony, and Stephanie have been discussing how and where web links between the Estuaries Portal and SOTER could be made. Options include updating our current landing page to highlight SOTER and later other reports, and linking specific indicator sections between the two sites. Kris will present a draft of what the landing page option could look like.</p>	
Desired Outcome:	<p>If there is general consensus on the mock up, it will be used to obtain an estimate for cost of implementation</p>	
Contact Person:	<p>Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov and Tony Hale tonyh@sfei.org or Cristina Grosso cristina@sfei.org</p>	
Notes:	<p>Kris Jones presented ideas on connecting the SOTER and the Portal. He developed a mockup of a landing page that provides descriptive content relative to the report that SFEP could link to. The page would highlight aspects of the report</p>	

	that the CEMW contributed to, as well as the technical appendices that backup the work.
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Item	4	
Title of Topic:	Worker Bee Updates	
Background:	<p>Worker Bees have been implementing work plans for Phase II Portal development. Living Resources sub-leads will be presenting re-vamped pages based on the look and feel changes discussed at previous CEMW meetings. Updated Habitat pages will also be presented.</p> <p>Attribute Section Leads will provide updates (5 min ea unless otherwise noted):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water: Erin Foresman/Stephanie Fong 2. Living Resources: Shaun Philippart (60 min) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phytoplankton: Tiffany Brown b. Zooplankton: April Henesy c. Benthics: Betsy Wells d. Fish: Matt Dekar 3. Habitat: Kristal Davis Fadtkke (20 min) 4. Ecological Processes: Hildie Spautz 5. Stewardship: Sam Safi and Kristal Davis Fadtkke 	
Desired Outcome:	Discussion and input on revised pages, and agreement on updates to the Portal	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Water pages have been completed and are now completely live on the Portal. 2. Living Resources- the subgroup has been working on ways to update the Water Quality Conditions Report with 34 North. The goals is to better integrate the report with the existing portal. The group presented some possible mock-ups and will be scheduling a meeting with 34 North to discuss feasibility. They would like to develop a proof of concept of the new look and feel webpages with the benthic section. 3. Habitat- Mockups of potential page updates were provided 	

Item	5	
Title of Topic:	2016 Work Plans	
Background:	<p>We update annual work plans in March, so we should start thinking about updating or starting new work plans for 2016. Draft work plans should be discussed at the January meeting. A past example work plan is attached to help guide development of new work plans.</p>	
Desired Outcome:	General discussion	

Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org
Notes:	The subgroups were asked to start their 2016 Work Plans for discussion at the January meeting. The work plans should take a realistic approach to goals that can be accomplished over 2016. They should also include past goals that have been meet, which will be helpful if the work group is tasked with a larger report to the Monitoring Council.

Item	6	
Title of Topic:	Facilitation	
Background:	A couple calls for a new facilitator of the CEMW have been issued, and no volunteers have come forward. Val Connor, previous CEMW facilitator, is willing to take on this assignment. Her qualifications are attached for your review. If no additional volunteers come forward at the November meeting, we will decide whether or not to name Val the new CEMW facilitator. If others are interested in facilitating the CEMW, they should come to the November meeting with a statement of qualifications and be ready to discuss what their contribution could be.	
Desired Outcome:	Decision: Selection of new facilitator(s) for the CEMW	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org or Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Notes:	The workgroup elected Val Connor as the new facilitator of the CEMW. She will take over the roll starting in January 2016. The workgroup thanks Stephanie Fong for her work and direction over the last few years and looks forward to continue working with her at the worker bee level.	

Item	7	
Title of Topic:	Bay Delta Live Coordination	
Background:	The Estuaries Portal originally piggybacked on technology developed for BDL. We will cover collaborative efforts, the BDL work team, recent developments, and future outlooks and areas for synergies. A brief demonstration of select tools and resources from BDL will be given.	
Desired Outcome:	Coordination and collaboration	
Contact Person:	Russ Ryan rryan@mwdh2o.com Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	
Notes:	The BDL staff have been refining the website and working on dashboards for interesting parties. An email campaign has also started, inviting people to join the site and directing them to the “help” pages and videos. The workgroup continues to discuss sustainability and direction of future efforts. In 2016, they are looking to improving the BDL Apple App and releasing an app for Android.	
2016 Meeting Dates- The second Wednesday of every other month starting in January.		

- January 13th
- March 9th
- May 11th
- July 13th
- September 14th
- November 9th

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:

- Performance measures
- Climate change
- Jellyfish in the zooplankton story
- Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc)
- SSSAIL/MAST/IEP Newsletter