

California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup
July 30, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Room 2540, Cal EPA Building, 1001 I St., Sacramento, CA

Attendees:

In attendance:

Craig Wilson, CDFG
Chad Dibble, CDFG
Bill Orme, State Water Board
Cliff Harvey, State Water Board
Amna Hawatky, State Water Board
Darren Bradford, State Water Board
Catherine Woody, State Water Board
Jon Marshack, State Water Board
Chad Roberts, Humboldt Bay Hrb
Dist.
Ross Clark, Coastal Commission
Kevin O'Connor, MLML
Martha Sutula, SCCWRP

On phone:

Eric Stein SCCWRRP
Andree Greenberg, SF-RWQCB
Eric Gillies, SLC
Jennie Sparks – Central Valley
RWQCB
Bruce Posthumus, San Diego
RWQCB
Cori Ferrar, USACE - L.A. Dist.

→ Meeting originally scheduled for July 17, 2009.

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Meeting Minutes from 5/18/2009 (Craig Wilson)

Minutes approved with one change: Add B. Posthumus to list of attendees. Change approved.

Wetland Monitoring Strategy Outline (Josh Collins, Eric Stein)

- Collins presented Strategy Outline (see attachment)

Action Items and Next Steps:

- CWMW will develop a statewide wetland monitoring strategy that includes standardized methods for Level 1, 2, & 3;
- CWMW will make recommendations to the State Water Board Policy Development Team regarding a monitoring strategy;
- Text version of Collins' 1-2-3 flow chart to be generated, with text on how we encourage level 3 studies to support Level 2 development. Collins, Roberts, Marshack & Harvey to redo language on this and get to WB Policy drafting team.

- Level 1, Level 2, Tracker and RDCs are funding priorities; CWMW will make this recommendation to Monitoring Council in time for first draft of council statewide monitoring strategy which is due at end of Sept.

Update on State of State's Wetlands Report (C. Wilson)

- Update on State of the State's Wetlands (C. Wilson)
 - Delivery of the report is delayed.
 - Should be able to go public after next round of edits.
- Discussion concerning presentation of report to State Legislature.

Action Items: none

Wetland Classification (C. Roberts)

Roberts made a presentation on Wetland Classification issues (see attachment)

Action Items & Next Steps:

- TAT will develop screening criteria to compare classification systems, and recommend candidate classification systems to CWMW.
- Input from agencies is needed on how classifications will be used and what management questions the classification will affect.
- TAT will report back to CWMW at next meeting with preliminary criteria.

Riparian Definition Discussion (Josh Collins)

- J. Collins makes presentation on Riparian definition issues.

Action Items & Next Steps:

- Input from agencies is needed on how definition will be used and what management questions the definition will inform.
- Serge Glushkoff will be part of future CWMW riparian discussions, and will be added to CWMW participant list. TAT will forward definitions to Glushkoff.

Data Portal (Martha Sutula)

Martha presented latest version of draft portal (see attached).

Action Items and Next Steps:

- Martha will set up conference call for next week to gather ideas for wetland portal.

Cram Implementation Technical Bulletin (Eric Stein)

- The CRAM tech bulletin which originated with IWRAP was reissued as a draft from CWMW, as directed by CWMW at last meeting. Comments on this draft were received from agencies and individuals

Action Items & Next Steps:

- Eric will consult further with R2 to get consensus where possible.
- Stein to revise Tech Bulletin as discussed, to reconcile issues where possible.
- CWMW will decide whether to issue the final tech bulletin.

Future Meetings

Next Meeting TBA.

Items to cover at the Sept. meeting:

- Portal
- CRAM Tech Bulletin
- TAT classification update
- To be appended.
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Potential Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Examination of CRAM peer review

Review of CIAP Workplan

SWAMP discussion with Terry Fleming from EPA