

Procedure to Select or Develop a Classification System for California Wetlands

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The Technical Advisory Team (TAT) for the California Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy will recommend a wetland classification system to the Policy Development Team (PDT). The classification system will be an integral part of State Wetland and Riparian Area Monitoring Program (WRAMP). For this purpose of selecting or developing a wetlands classification system, the TAT will consist of experts in habitat mapping, classification, and general wetland science. After the TAT has achieved this purpose, some of its members will join other scientists to form the Mapping Committee of the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup (CWMW).

Further information about the roles and responsibilities of the TAT can be found at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/tatmemo1_101209.pdf

The following steps and timeline are approximate. The TAT can revise its workplan to meet the changing needs of the Policy Development Team.

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| 1. Identify candidate classification system | November 2009 |
| 2. Draft Criteria for ranking candidate system | November 2009 |
| 3. Establish Technical Advisory Team | January 2010 |
| 4. Review wetland mapping protocol | February 2010 |
| 5. Rank candidate systems | February 2010 |
| a. Review criteria | |
| b. Review candidate systems | |
| c. Rank systems | |
| 6. Prepare and submit 1 st draft recommendation to CWMW | March 2010 |
| 7. Revise recommendation | March 2010 |
| 8. Submit draft 2 nd draft recommendation to PDT | April 2010 |
| 9. Revise recommendation | April 2010 |
| 10. Submit final draft recommendation to PDT | April 2010 |
| 11. Vet recommendation with agencies and interest groups | ongoing |
| 12. The recommendation may be revised further based on additional review. | |