

California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup  
November, 2013 Meeting Minutes  
State Water Board, Sacramento

**Attendees**

In attendance:

Bill Orme, State Water Board  
Chris Potter, NRA  
Cliff Harvey, State Water Board  
John Kleinfelter, CDFW  
Jon Marshack, State Water Board  
Josh Collins, SFEI  
Kristopher Jones, DWR  
Lori Weber, SWAMP  
Melissa Scianni, USEPA  
Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon, Delta Cons.  
Xavier Fernandez, SF RWQCB

On phone:

Chris Solek, SCCWRP  
Rich Sumner, USEPA  
Kevin O'Connor, MLML

**State Chair**

- Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon from the Delta Conservancy will be the new state co-chair.
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - Revisit Charter and Roles & Responsibilities documents at next meeting.

**Monitoring Council Triennial Audit**

- Monitoring Council conducting self-audit of past 3 years to gage effectiveness of implementing strategy. Council has asked that each workgroup provide a short self-audit using the 6 performance metrics in 2010 strategy document..
- In addition to the 6 measures, the audit should identify any needs that aren't being meet and where improved coordination is needed.
- Self-audit due to John and Kris on Dec 1.
- Workgroups will also be asked to present findings of audit at next Council meeting on Dec 12. Presentations will be a maximum of 15 minutes per workgroup, followed by a 1 hour discussion.
- **ACITON ITEMS:**
  - Josh will do first draft of audit and send to Melissa. Melissa will work with Chairs to finalize report.
  - Shakoora will present to Council.

**L2 Committee**

- Current efforts:
  - Updating CRAM QA Plan. Working with SWAMP to improve consistency of the QA plan with SWAMP standards.

- Finalizing depressional and slope/wet meadow modules; first calibration is done, some grants for validation studies are awarded, others are proposed for funding.
- Development of version 1 of episodic streams module is continuing on schedule.
- State Board added fee to 401 certs to support monitoring of dredge and fill impacts. This funding is expected to help support CRAM and WRAMP implementation including QA and adaptive management as described in the budget proposed to the State Water Board by CWMW last year.
- State Board still working on getting additional compliance monitoring staff; recent audit recommendations recommend new positions for the 401 program, so we are optimistic that these new positions will be approved for FY 2014-2015.
- Caltrans has requested two CRAM training sessions- in southern CA and Sac area. The Sacramento area session is happening this week (November 4-8) with over 20 students. Caltrans staff notes that CRAM is becoming a regular requirement and thus sees a need for this training.
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - QA Plan will be presented to CWMW in February, 2014.
  - Slope and Depressional modules will be presented in Feb or May.
  - Ask Rebecca present on Caltrans use of CRAM.

### **WRAMP Grants Discussion**

- Items for CWMW discussion in 2014
  - One-page fact sheet on reference network
  - Revisit WRAMP Framework Document
  - Presentation on Tahoe WRAMP efforts
  - Landscape Profile Tool and Watershed Planning under Policy
  - Stream Definition (maybe)
  - Laguna de Santa Rosa WRAMP Demo
  - Episodic Streams CRAM module
  - HCP/404 Monitoring Strategy
- Group decided it was useful to have some sort of spreadsheet that shows past, ongoing, and planned projects. May or may not be best to organize by grant.
- Plan to have a summary/look back effort akin to this spreadsheet at the end of each year in preparation for annual reporting to Council and planning for 104(b)(3) grants.

### **S&T Meeting with JV's**

- NRA and DFW having a series of meeting with JVs to get their buy into the S&T program.
- First meeting in August. Introduction meeting.
- Next meeting Nov 14. Will discuss technical difficulties/concerns with JVs using S&T.
- Also meeting with JV boards and asking for letters of support for S&T. Expecting letters at least from SF Bay and Delta JVs.

- **ACTION ITEMS:** Chris will email meeting notes. Have update at next meeting.

**Updates**

- Wetland Policy: Actively working on Phase I and II. Phase I targeted for public comment in March, with adoption in August.
- CRAM Tech Memo: Has had a number of revisions, most significant is QA Plan. Bring back to CWMW for review after QA Plan is finalized.

**Future Meetings**

Reference Network- Fact Sheet, use in setting performance standards  
Update on Corps SOPs  
EcoAtlas Training Video  
Report back on S&T meetings with JVs  
Delta Restoration Commission WRAMP  
See list of grant updates above

**2014 Meeting Dates**

Feb 4, May 6, Aug 5, Nov 4  
All meetings at the State Board in Sacramento