

**CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL**

**California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup  
Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2013 – 9:00 AM to 11:30 PM**

Delta Conservancy Conference Room  
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento



**IMPOTANT INFORMATION!!**

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Item	1	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Introduction and Announcements</b>	10 min
	1) Introductions 2) Review 8/20/13 notes 3) Review agenda for today	
Desired Outcome:	Approve 8/20/13 notes	
Attachment:	Word: 082013 CEMW Notes	
Notes:	Attended: Stephanie Fong, Jon Marshack, Karen Gehrts, Kris Jones, Shaun Philippart, Kristal Fadtke, Bill Templin, Hildie Spautz, Lori Webber, Meghan Sullivan, Erin Foresman, George Issac, Cristina Grosso, Valerie Connor,	

Item	2	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Liaison Reports</b>	30 min
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	

	<p>CEMW.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CA WQMC: Jon Marshack and Kris Jones</li> <li>2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: Kristal Davis Fadtke and Kris Jones</li> <li>3. Healthy Streams Partnership: Lori Webber</li> <li>4. Data management Workgroup: Meredith Williams</li> <li>5. BOG workgroup for “Is it safe to eat fish?”: Jon Marshack</li> <li>6. Safe to Swim workgroup: Jon Marshack</li> <li>7. Ocean/Rock Intertidal Workgroup: Kris Jones</li> </ol>
<p>Desired Outcome</p>	<p>Information Exchange and Guidance on how to integrate existing Portals</p>
<p>Contact Person:</p>	<p>Jon Marshack <a href="mailto:jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov">jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov</a>          Kris Jones <a href="mailto:Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov">Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov</a></p>
<p>Notes:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WQMC (Notes from the August meeting can be found: <a href="http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/2013aug/notes_082813.pdf">http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/2013aug/notes_082813.pdf</a>)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ocean Ecosystem Health Metrics program will be interviewing for someone to examine whether the health of reefs is more affected by fishing pressure or water quality.</li> <li>b. Ocean Ecosystem Health Workgroup Roadmap effort is being developed to discuss leadership support and funding of the portal.</li> <li>c. The Safe to Drink Portal will be presented to the Monitoring Council in December.</li> <li>d. SWRCB Clean Water Act Integrated Report will be released soon and “readily available data” will be defined as data available in CEDEN. Data solicitations will now be continuous, and reports will cover three regions at a time, rotating among the nine regions during each round of assessments.</li> <li>e. The California Water Plan, Sustainability Indicators Framework was presented by Abdul Khan (DWR). Presentation covered the developed multi-metric (economic, environmental, social) analysis to gauge the health of CA Watersheds; analysis aimed to identify healthy watersheds that are vulnerable to environmental and human induced factors.</li> <li>f. Estuary Portal Beta version was presented and approved for public release, pending more detailed review.</li> <li>g. Rocky Intertidal Portal has been approved for release.</li> <li>h. Discussion with the Delta Science Program staff indicated there is a clear nexus of the goals of the Delta Science Plan and the Monitoring Council, hopes for ongoing discussion and coordination on how the two groups can pursue their mutual objectives.</li> <li>i. Triennial Audit will be developed by Jon Marshack and Kris Jones in place of the next annual report.</li> <li>j. December 12<sup>th</sup> is the next WQMC Meeting.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. CA Wetlands- future meetings will focus on providing scientific defensible extent of</li> </ol>

	<p>wetland and the change over time, in hopes of answering the Governor’s directive of no net loss of wetlands.</p> <p>3. Healthy Streams Portal is working with EPA on the CA Healthy Watershed Initiative. A second draft of the report will be released in mid-October.</p> <p>4. Data Management team will have their next meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be discussing the data set wish-lists we provided then.</p>
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Item	3	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Pre-launch Portal Update</b>	30 min
Background:	<p>Updates will be given on the presentation to the CWQMC, IT status, and the State of the Estuary Conference poster. The beta version of the Portal can be viewed at <a href="http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco_health/estuaries/index.shtml">http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco_health/estuaries/index.shtml</a> . Please take the time to review the beta version before the meeting. The CEMW approved presentations for launch at the last meeting with a couple revisions that have been addressed, but this is the first time you will be viewing it with links in place. This is the last time CEMW members will have to identify show stoppers before launch.</p>	
Desired Outcome	Information exchange	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong <a href="mailto:sfong@sfcwa.org">sfong@sfcwa.org</a>	
Notes:	<p>Stephanie Fong gave a brief overview of the beta portal and announced that approval to link to the Water Quality Conditions Interactive report will go live with links from portal. Links to the report will be in a new section on the “Monitoring” page and as link on the “Why is Water Quality a Key Attribute” page.</p> <p>A few formatting concerns need to be worked out before launch. Some inconsistency in page layout should be addressed. The subheadings need to be more apparent, either highlighted or in a color other than black. The workgroup brought up that on mobile devices, scrolling side to side does not function correctly.</p> <p>Jon Marshack will ask State Board Staff to add an “about us” button to the left navigation panel that links to the Estuary Workgroup webpage.</p> <p>Text edits will be handled by a small group (Hildie Spautz, Kris Jones, Bill Templin and Kristal Fadke). And will work with 34 North to address comments made at this meeting and at the WQMC meeting.</p> <p>The Beta Version will be made available to the WQMC on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and ask that their comments be in by October 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
Action:	<p>Small group will continue the editing process of the beta portal.</p> <p>Jon Marshack will ask State Board Staff to add an “about us” button to the left navigation panel that links to the Estuary Workgroup webpage.</p> <p>Stephanie Fong will provide Jon Marshack with Beta link for the WQMC by October 7<sup>th</sup>.</p>	

<b>Item</b>	<b>4</b>	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>CEMW Facilitation</b>	10 min
Background:	Stephanie will be discussing the CEMW facilitation options with IEP Coordinators at their September meeting and will provide an update.	
Desired Outcome	Information exchange	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong <a href="mailto:sfong@sfcwa.org">sfong@sfcwa.org</a>	
Notes:	Stephanie Fong addressed the IEP Coordinators about the facilitations options. They approved her continued facilitation and have asked her to present alternatives at the next Coordinator meeting.	

<b>Item</b>	<b>5</b>	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>Update on Media Outreach efforts</b>	5 min
Background:	At the last CEMW meeting, Jon Rosenfield rose the topic of future Portal planning and long-term CEMW planning.	
Desired Outcome	Information exchange	
Contact Person:	Jon Marshack <a href="mailto:jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov">jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov</a>	
Notes:	<p>A media release and fact sheet will be prepared by Kris Jones. We are asking that our members provide three sentences, highlighting their support and contribution to the portal. Kris Jones will use these in his write up. He is also looking for input on what images should be highlighted on the Fact Sheet.</p> <p>The Workgroup is also seeking quotes of support from higher level managers. Kris Jones and Karen Gehrts will contact Paul Helliker (DWR) and Erin Foresman will work with those at the EPA.</p>	
Actions:	Please provide Kris Jones with sentences and screen shots by September 20 <sup>th</sup> .	

<b>Item</b>	<b>6</b>	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	<b>CARI and EcoAtlas Demonstration- CANCELED</b>	65 min
Background:	<p>Kristen is the lead developer for the CARI GIS dataset. She will be presenting more general information on CARI and its abilities to the CEMW and other interested workgroups. They are looking for comments on the dataset's utility and workgroup needs. In the future, there will be an opportunity to work in a more technical fashion if individuals are interested, so if you are interested, you can provide her with your contact information at this meeting. EcoAtlas was developed under the direction of the Wetlands Workgroup and will be adapted for use under the Joint Ventures and Delta Conservancy efforts for project tracking.</p>	

Desired Outcome	Information exchange
Contact Person:	Kristen Cayce <a href="mailto:kristen@sfei.org">kristen@sfei.org</a>
Notes:	This presentation will be rescheduled for an upcoming meeting.

<b>Item</b>	<b>7</b>
Title of Topic:	<b>Wrap Up</b>
Notes:	The next meeting will be November 6 <sup>th</sup> from 9-12 at the Delta Conservancy Offices. We will be discussing strategic planning.  Meetings for 2014 have been tentatively scheduled for the second Wednesday of every other month from 9-12, starting in January. A finalized list of dates will be discussed at the next meet.
Actions:	If there are topics that should be addressed dealing with strategic planning, please send an email with the subject line "CEMW strategic planning" to Stephanie Fong ( <a href="mailto:sfong@sfcwa.org">sfong@sfcwa.org</a> ).

<b>Item</b>	<b>8</b>
Title of Topic:	<b>Near-Term Presentations</b>
Notes:	CDFW Staff Workshop- Hildie Spautz will be presenting on the upcoming launch of the CA Estuary Portal  State of the Estuary Conference- A poster presentation will be made on the upcoming launch.  National Water Quality Monitoring Council Meeting- Jon Marshack will be submitting an abstract that will borrow from the State of the Estuary Poster on the CA Estuary Portal.

<b>Parking Lot:</b> 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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiation of long-term planning meeting</li> <li>• Performance measures</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Habitat – linking to the Wetlands Portal</li> <li>• Coordinating with State of the Estuary folks on their next report</li> <li>• List of workgroup website desires for data analysis, manipulation &amp; graphing functions from 34North</li> <li>• Jellyfish in the zooplankton story</li> <li>• Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc)</li> </ul>	
Important Dates:	Contact Person: