

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

**California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 11th – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

DWR room 119
3500 Industrial Blvd, West Sacramento



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to scheduling conflicts, **this meeting will be at DWR’s West Sac office**, NOT the usual Delta Conservancy office.

REMOTE ACCESS: There will 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:
<https://meetings.webex.com/collabs/meetings/join?uuid=M3VYY45OECC8GNE6RNFXX0V9BA-GQBN>

Item	1	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Introduction and Announcements	15 min
	1) Introductions and announcements 2) Review notes from last CEMW meeting 3) Review agenda for today	
Desired Outcome:	Approve meeting notes	
Attachment:	011415 CEMW notes.pdf	

Item	2	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Liaison Reports	45 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 CEMW. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CA WQMC: Kris Jones 2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: Kristal Davis Fadtker and Kris Jones 3. Healthy Streams Partnership: Lori Webber 	

	<p>4. Data Management Workgroup: Tony Hale</p> <p>5. BOG workgroup for “Is it safe to eat fish?”: Kris Jones</p> <p>6. Safe to Swim Workgroup: Kris Jones</p> <p>Ocean/Rocky Intertidal Workgroup: Kris Jones</p>
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange and ideas for enhancing the Estuaries Portal
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov
Attachment:	

Item	3	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	State of the Estuary Report Coordination	30 min
Background:	<p>Since we’ve modeled the Estuaries Portal after the 2011 SOTB Report and are trying to collaborate on making the next report an estuary report for 2015. Updates will be given on indicator development (benthics, zoops, birds, and water quality) and peer review. We will also discuss the option of planning a specific meeting with Leticia, Tony, and others to hear their vision and learn about what resources they may be able to provide.</p>	
Desired Outcome:	Update on process and timelines. Identify and prioritize specific linkages between SotER and the Portal (specific content links, etc).	
Contact Person:	Hildie Spautz Hildegard.Spautz@wildlife.ca.gov	
Attachment:	SotER Indicators Status Summary 141215_forCWQMC.pdf	

Item	4	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Worker Bee Update and Workplans	60 min
Background:	<p>Worker Bees have been implementing 2014 work plans for Phase II Portal development. Those work plans were finalized in March, but there have been many changes in direction with all the SOTER coordination. At the January meeting, we talked about the need to revise our workplans to better track progress, and identify interim deliverables or milestones. LR has already met and will share their draft 2015 Workplan.</p> <p>We will get updates from the Attribute Section Leads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water: Erin Foresman/Stephanie Fong 2. Living Resources: Shaun Philippart (25 min) 3. Habitat: Kristal Davis Fadtke/Hildie Spautz (10 min) 4. Ecological Processes: Hildie Spautz 5. Stewardship: Sam Safi and Kristal Davis Fadtke <p>We will also begin to review the “Guidelines for Workgroups and the Development of <i>My Water Quality</i> Theme-Based Internet Portals” document. This was a product of the Council’s from 2010, and it seems like it may be time for the Work Groups to suggest changes. Please review the document, available from the link below, so we can have a</p>	

	discussion about the CEMW’s suggestions for revisions.
Desired Outcome:	Information share and general direction from larger CEMW as needed.
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org
Attachment:	http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/docs/workgroup_and_portal_guidelines.pdf

Item	5	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	CEMW Business Review	15 min
Background:	<p>The recently released Triennial Audit Report calls on California government agencies and the legislature to provide dedicated funding and staff to sustain and grow the Monitoring Council’s workgroup efforts in order to fully implement the Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California. The audit report commits the Monitoring Council and its workgroups to provide the legislature and agency secretaries with the details of what is needed, in the form of workgroup business plans, within one year. According to the Audit Report, these business plans will outline specific needs (staff positions, budgets, etc.) and will highlight existing departmental mandates that can be addressed more effectively through the Monitoring Council’s collaborative workgroup processes, tools, and the My Water Quality web portals. The goal of these business plans is to get a precise handle on resource needs to meet current goals and to ensure sustainability into the future.</p> <p>Here are three examples of existing mandates that are being or are proposed to be addressed by Monitoring Council workgroups, tools, and portals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1993, the Governor announced the California Wetlands Conservation Policy, establishing a framework and strategy to “ensure no overall net loss and achieve a long-term net gain in the quantity, quality, and permanence of wetland acreage and values in California...” But in 2010 when the Natural Resources Agency attempted to determine whether there was any net loss of wetlands, differences in wetland definition, mapping protocols, and assessment methods between agencies made it impossible to deliver an answer. The Wetland Monitoring Workgroup has developed standardized definitions, mapping methods, and assessment protocols (and a concerted outreach effort to gain broad use of these tools) and is launching a status and trends monitoring program that together will allow California government to answer this question. • State Water Board Water Rights Decision 1641 requires the Department of Water Resources to periodically report on the quality of water resources within the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and Suisun and San Pablo Bays as a condition of diverting water. These reports have been static documents to date. As part of its California Estuaries Portal, the Estuary Monitoring Workgroup is developing an on-line Interactive Water Quality Conditions Report for the Delta that will allow agency staff to gain access to the same data in a much more useful manner. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of its responsibility to manage the State Water Project, that provides drinking water to approximately two-thirds of California’s population, the Department of Water Resources and State Water Project Contractors Authority are required to periodically report to the state’s drinking water program (now the Division of Drinking Water within the State Water Board). These Watershed Sanitary Surveys contain information on contaminant sources and water quality issues. Members of the Safe Drinking Water Workgroup have suggested that an interactive report through the soon-to-be-built Safe-to-Drink Portal would provide the same information in a much more usable format.
Desired Outcome:	Communication of timelines and expectations.
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov
Attachments:	

Item	6	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Facilitation	15 min
Background:	Stephanie has been facilitating the CEMW for over two years, and due to workload increases, cannot continue on in the same capacity. The CEMW will be asking for Chair or Co-Chair nominations. A formal call will be made to the CEMW lyris list with deadlines and expectations. The DMWG put forth a similar call in September, and the CEMW could follow their model. Process and timeline options will be discussed.	
Desired Outcome:	Recommendations/nominations, process, and timelines set	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Attachments:		

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance measures Climate change Jellyfish in the zooplankton story Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc) 	
Important Dates: Update to the State of Science Report	Likely Contact Person: Darcy Austin

SAIL (Salmon MAST) Report?	Matt/Rachel Johnson
Future IEP Newsletter?	Bill/Randy/?