

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

**California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, July 8th – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REMOTE ACCESS: There will be 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:
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Item	1	
Title of Topic:	Introduction and Announcements	
	1) Introductions and announcements 2) Review notes from last CEMW meeting 3) Review agenda for today	
Desired Outcome:	Approve meeting notes	
Attachment:	051315 CEMW notes.pdf	
	Consultant: Stephan McCord, CDFW: Rosemary Hartman, Hildie Spautz, CVRWQCB: Selina Cole, DSC/DSP: Megan Brooks, Maggie Christman, Yumiko Henneberry, Karen Kayfetz, Delta Conservancy: Kristal Fadtke, Jenna Yonenaga DWR: Betsy Wells, Monitoring Council: Kris Jones, Moss Landing Marine Lab: Kevin O'Connor, SFCWA: Kelsey Cowin, Stephanie Fong, SFEI: Tony Hale (Phone), SRCSD: Sam Safi, SWRCB: Cliff Harvey, 34 North: Dave Osti	

Item	2	
Title of Topic:	Liaison Reports	
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	

	<p>discussion of how the activities would impact the CEMW.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CA WQMC: Kris Jones 2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: Kristal Davis Fadtke and Kris Jones 3. Healthy Streams Partnership: Lori Webber 4. Data Management Workgroup: Tony Hale 5. BOG workgroup for "Is it safe to eat fish?": Kris Jones 6. Safe to Swim Workgroup: Kris Jones <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
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Monitoring Council will meet on August 20th. 2. No Update 3. Healthy Streams meet on June 23rd. The development of a scorecard was presented by the CCMP. 4. The Data Management workgroup continues to work on the implementation of the Data Summit White Paper. 5. No Update. 6. No Update 7. No Update

Item	3	
Title of Topic:	State of the Estuary Report Coordination	
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. At the last meeting, we discussed specific linkages that could be made and agreed to bring back input from our own agency's perspective. In particular, we would like input from agencies on how to handle instances where the CEMW has had more detailed involvement in the development and review of SOTER sections versus instances where only one of the agencies was able to be involved. Special consideration should be taken for cases when we consider something in the SOTER to be complementary to Portal content or interpretation, or vice versa.</p>	
Desired Outcome:	<p>Decision: How to note when Portal content and SOTER content are complementary to each other, completely separate, or when one is an interpretation of the data found in the other.</p>	
Contact Person:	Hildie Spautz Hildegard.Spautz@wildlife.ca.gov	
Notes:	<p>Tony Hale will prepare a mock up landing page that links the SOTER and the portal, including links to more information on related indicators. Workgroup members will be given a chance to review the publication version of indicators that have been presented to the group. Hildie Spautz will keep the group apprised of when drafts</p>	

	will be available and the turnaround for comments.
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Item	4	
Title of Topic:	Worker Bee Updates	
Background:	<p>Worker Bees have been implementing work plans for Phase II Portal development. There have been many changes in direction, and at the May meeting, we talked about the need to revisit priorities for content development. Please fill out the survey found here https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/39JJVQV prior to July 5th and be ready to discuss and vote on priorities.</p> <p>We will also get updates from the Attribute Section Leads (5 min ea):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water: Erin Foresman/Stephanie Fong 2. Living Resources: Shaun Philippart 3. Habitat: Kristal Davis Fadtke/Hildie Spautz 4. Ecological Processes: Hildie Spautz 5. Stewardship: Sam Safi and Kristal Davis Fadtke 	
Desired Outcome:	<p>Decision: General consensus on prioritization of topics the CEMW will take on in updating the Portal. Prioritization doesn't prevent members from addressing topics out of priority order. It is meant to generally guide the direction of Portal development.</p> <p>Information share and general direction from larger CEMW as needed.</p>	
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water: The final Tetra Tech factsheets have just been made available and the current portal pages will be updated shortly. 2. Living Resources- The group has not met since the last meeting, but will be looking for ways to implement the SOTER indicators into Portal pages. 3. Habitat- The Delta Conservancy has a new Intern that will be helping Kevin O'Connor implement his bar built estuary pages. 4. Ecological Processes- No Update 5. Stewardship- Language for the Stewardship pages has been drafted. A worker bee meeting will be scheduled to provide feedback and direction to the pages. 	

Item	5	
Title of Topic:	Improvements to General Estuaries Pages of Portal	
Background:	Kevin O'Connor, of Moss Landing Marine Labs' Central Coast Wetlands Group, has been developing revised language for pop ups and would like to propose new ideas on how to present "What are Estuaries?" page of the Portal.	
Desired Outcome:	Decision: Approve language developed before Kevin and others work to make implement the changes.	

	Discuss and consider other ways to present estuaries map.
Contact Person:	Kevin O'Connor koconnor@mml.calstate.edu
Notes:	Kevin O'Connor presented his concept to add additional information on a greater number of California estuaries. An inventory of over 100 different estuaries has been developed. Additions to the Habitat section of the Portal would include CRAM data and possibly a scorecard being developed by CCAMP. Those interested in working with Kevin should contact him to develop how to approach getting this new information onto the portal.

Item	6	
Title of Topic:	Portal Look and Feel	
Background:	We've spoken many times about possibly changing the look and feel of the Portal, but no one has brought examples to share until now. Kris provided a nice presentation style for us to consider http://www.chesapeakebay.net/managementstrategies .	
Desired Outcome:	Update on ideas and input from CEMW	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	
Notes:	Kris Jones presented a concept for a new look and feel to the Portal. The workgroup was receptive to the new idea and would like to see it move forward. A new focus on Management Dashboards was highlighted. Timing and funding of the implementation still needs to be worked out and the group will provide feedback and additional ideas to the concept.	

Item	7	
Title of Topic:	CEMW Business Review	
Background:	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 it to get a precise handle on resource needs to meet current goals and to ensure sustainability into the future.	

Desired Outcome:	Update
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov
Notes:	Kris Jones is developing templates for the workgroups to use, which should be available by the next meeting.

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) • Facilitation 	
Important Dates:	Likely Contact Person:
Update to the State of Science Report	Darcy Austin
SAIL (Salmon MAST) Report?	Matt/Rachel Johnson
Future IEP Newsletter?	Bill/Randy/?