

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

**California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, September 9th – 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:	070815 CEMW notes.pdf	
Notes:	Consultant: Stephan McCord (Phone), CDFW: April Hennessey (Phone), DSC/DSP: Maggie Christman, Yumiko Henneberry, Delta Conservancy: Kristal Fadtke, DWR: Shaun Philippart, Betsy Wells, Monitoring Council: Kris Jones, MWD: Russ Ryan (Phone), SFCWA: Kelsey Cowin, Stephanie Fong, SRCS: Sam Safi, Sara Gaylon, 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 (15 min) Proposed changes to the Estuaries Portal CWQMC-Where do we go from here? 2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup-Prop 1 proposal submission: Kristal Davis Fadtko 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 7. Ocean/Rocky Intertidal Workgroup: Kris Jones
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 Next WQMC meeting will be on December 11th. At the last meeting, Eric Ekdahl of the State Water Board's Office of Research, Planning and Performance provided an overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which will provide a new framework to support local groundwater management. Kris Jones presented a mock-up of proposed changes to the look and feel of the Estuaries Portal, which the Monitoring Council members approved for implementation. 2. The Wetland Monitoring Workgroup submitted a proposal for Prop 1 funding and is looking for ways to integrate with the Estuary Portal more. 3. Health Streams- No Update 4. The Data Management Workgroup met on August 5th to discuss how specific mapping tools can be better integrated over the portals 5. BOG- No Update 6. Safe to Swim- No Update 7. Oceans- 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:	Updates and coordination, and anything additional from April, Betsy, and Hildie as authors on the SOTER and release at the State of the Estuary Conference
Contact Person:	Hildie Spautz Hildegarde.Spautz@wildlife.ca.gov
Notes:	Betsy Wells (DWR) and April Hennessey (CDFW) provided the workgroup with an update on the wrap up and printing of the SOTER. Indicator authors provided input on the final proofs of the document and the Executive Summary will be made available at the State of the Estuary Conference. April Hennessey prepared a poster on the zooplankton indicator which was shown at the conference as well. The group debriefed and discussed lessons learned from the first attempted at integrating the Delta into the State of the Estuary Report. The group discussed the reduced timeline and fast turnaround times, which were a challenge to meet. The group would like to continue efforts to collaborate, but also need be realistic to the time commitment needed in these types of efforts. In future events it would be preferable to use our resources in preparing information, indicators, and conclusions for the Estuary Portal first that could then be used in other reports.

Item	4	
Title of Topic:	State of the Estuary Report Poster	
Background:	Hildie submitted an abstract for a poster presentation at the SoE, and it was accepted. Kelsey followed up with some requests for help, and they will give updates on this and time restrictions encountered.	
Desired Outcome:	Information share	
Contact Person:	Kelsey Cowin kcowin@sfcwa.org	
Notes:	Due to time restrictions and busy schedules the poster was not updated to include the new additions to the portal. However, the Workgroup decided to post the old poster at the State of the Estuary Conference in hopes of reaching a different audience.	

Item	5	
Title of Topic:	Worker Bee Updates	
Background:	<p>Worker Bees have been implementing work plans for Phase II Portal development.</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 Fadtker/Hildie Spautz and Stephanie Fong (10 minutes on proposal idea) 4. Ecological Processes: Hildie Spautz 5. Stewardship: Sam Safi and Kristal Davis Fadtker 	

Desired Outcome:	Decision: Does the CEMW support Prop 1 proposal(s) on their behalf? Information share and general direction from larger CEMW as needed.
Contact Person:	Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Water Quality pages will be updated to include the new factsheets provided to EPA on the TMDLs. 2. Living Resources- DWR now has a contract in place with 34 North to update the Water Quality Conditions Report. They have also developed a mock-up template for a new benthic section, which can also be utilized for the phytoplankton and zooplankton sections as well. 3. The Habitat Subgroup will be scheduling a meeting to discuss possible mock up ideas. 4. Ecological Processes- No Update 5. The Stewardship subgroup is working on scheduling a meeting.

Item	6	
Title of Topic:	Bay Delta Live Coordination	
Background:	The Estuaries Portal originally piggybacked on technology developed for BDL. We will cover collaborative efforts, the BDL work team, recent developments, and future outlooks and areas for synergies. A brief demonstration of select tools and resources from BDL will be given.	
Desired Outcome:	Coordination and collaboration	
Contact Person:	Russ Ryan rryan@mwdh2o.com Stephanie Fong sfong@sfcwa.org	
Attachments:	Russ Ryan gave an update from the BDL work team. The group has been working on developing help materials such as video and print tutorials, which are now available on baydeltalive.org. The group is also focused on adding additional data sets and dashboards to the website. The work team meets after the CEMW meetings and those who would like to participate are welcome.	

Parking Lot: Items not addressed during this meeting, but should be brought back for discussion at a later date. This list is not prioritized.
<p>Title of Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance measures • Climate change • Jellyfish in the zooplankton story • Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc) • SSSAIL/MAST/IEP Newsletter • Facilitation

