

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

**California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, September 14th – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Delta Conservancy Conference Room



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 4) Review Action Items:	
Desired Outcome:	Approve meeting notes; review action items	
Attachment:	CDFW: Rebecca Fris, Delta Conservancy: Beckye Stanton, DSC/DSP: Maggie Christman, DWR: Betsy Wells, Morgan Martinez, GEI: Val Connor, Monitoring Council: Kris Jones, Jon Marshack, SFCWA: Kelsey Cowin, Stephanie Fong (Phone) SFEI: Tony Hale (Phone) SRCSD: Tim Mussen, USFWS: Matt Dekar, 34 North: Karly Wagner (Phone), Dave Osti (Phone)	

Item	2	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Liaison Reports	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 CEMW. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CA WQMC: Kris Jones (15 min) 2. CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup: Kris Jones 3. Healthy Streams Partnership: Lori Webber 4. Data Management Workgroup: Tony Hale/Christina Grosso 5. BOG workgroup for "Is it safe to eat fish?": Kris Jones 6. Safe to Swim Workgroup: Kris Jones 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Ocean/Rocky Intertidal Workgroup: Kris Jones 8. CCHAB Workgroup: 9. Sacramento River Watershed Program: Stephan McCord 10. Bay Delta Live: Russ Ryan
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Monitoring Council will be launching a new portal focused on Harmful Algal Blooms that will feature a map showing recently reported blooms over the last season through a voluntary reporting system. 2. The Wetlands Workgroup met on August 2nd to discuss future direction and administration. 3. Healthy Streams- No Update 4. The Data Management Workgroup has had its first steering committee meeting. They will be focusing on how to develop a common understanding of the details laid out in the Data Vision White Paper. 5. BOG- No Updates 6. Safe to Swim- No Update 7. Oceans- No Update 8. CCHAB- No Update 9. Sac River- The Sacramento River Portal is being developed by 34 North and will be demonstrating a beta version at their October meeting. 10. BDL is currently developing governance language and a Charter to better describe the relationship between BDL and the Estuary Portal.

Item	3	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	2016 Living Resources and D-1641 Worker Bee Updates	30 min
Background:	DWR and DFW staff have been working with 34North on the redesign of the living resources pages. The new pages will be presented.	
Desired Outcome:	Discussion and input on revised pages	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Notes:	Kris Jones presented an update on the D-1641 report to the Estuary Portal. The new pages continue with the same question driven navigation, but implements a more user friendly site and a framework that other groups can easily fit into. The group would like to launch their update by summer 2017. 34 North continues to work on the beta pages and the CEMW has indicated their willingness to review when appropriate.	

Item	4	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Strategic Planning Discussion	60 min
Background:	We do not have workplans for developing the portal pages associated with habitat, water quality and quantity, and stewardship. We are also trying to determine next steps and funding mechanisms for the addition to the portal of Bar-built estuaries throughout the state.	
Desired Outcome:	Reinvigoration of Worker Bee groups for the non-living resources sections of the portal. Determination of realistic goals for portal development over the next year.	
Contact Person:	Val Connor Valerieconnor@att.net	
Notes:	<p>The workgroup identified members of specific worker bee groups and have assigned each group to provide the larger workgroup with a status update at the next CEMW meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Resources- Kris Jones will continue to keep the CEMW updated on the progress of the D-1641 Report development. The CEMW would like to see mock up pages to review when appropriate. • Water- (Shaun Philippart and Stephanie Fong) • Stewardship- (Kris Jones, Tim Mussen, Sam Safi), the subgroup will meet sometime before the next CEMW meeting to discuss direction • Habitat- (Becky Stanton, Maggie Christman, Kris Jones), the subgroup will meet sometime before the next CEMW meeting to discuss direction. <p>The group is also going to convene a small group to discuss the number of project tracking websites and tools. The group will report back at the next CEMW meeting.</p>	

Item	5	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Cache Slough Complex management tool	20 min
Background:	At the last meeting Val Connor introduced the concept of creating a portal section that focuses geographically on the Cache Slough Complex. The purpose of the project is to attempt the integration of monitoring information collected by multiple programs including IEP, EMP, DJFMP, FRPA, and a number of research efforts. A brief workplan will be discussed. At this time, no commitment has been made by the workgroup to include this effort. A decision will be made at the November workgroup meeting.	
Desired Outcome:	Determine if the workgroup should engage in an effort to compare and combine multiple data sets from the Cache Slough complex. The comparability of data sets will be evaluated as part of this effort.	
Contact Person:	Val Connor Valerieconnor@att.net	
Notes:	The workgroup discussed the different programs and studies that are taking place in the Cache Slough and the challenge of combining data sets together. The Delta Conservancy also introduced their pilot project in the Cache Slough. They are attempting to bring together relevant data and information in the area and determine how that data can be used in achieving an ecological vision for the region. The Conservancy will continue to update the CEMW to its progress.	

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:

- Performance measures
- Climate change
- Jellyfish in the zooplankton story
- Other living resources (e.g., mammals, plants, etc)
- SSSAIL/MAST/IEP Newsletter