

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 13 – 9:00 AM to noon

Delta Conservancy Conference Room
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento CA 95691



Attendees (and on the phone):

Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon

Maggie Christman

(Kelsie Cowin)

Jack Gouge

(Tony Hale)

Catherine Johnston

Kristopher Jones

Sarah Lesmeister

Sonia Miller

(Amye Osti)

Samsor Safi

Vanessa Tobias

(Karly Wagner)

Betsy Wells

Item	1	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Introduction and Announcements	15 min
Purpose:	1) Introductions and announcements 2) Review notes from last CEMW meeting 3) Review agenda for today	
Desired Outcome:	Approve meeting notes; review action items	
Attachment:	060717 CEMW Notes.doc – Notes Approved (9/13/17) with no revisions	

Notes:	The California Estuary Monitoring Workgroup (CEMW) is looking for a Chair to replace Val Conner, who recently retired. Kris Jones indicated that if the group could identify interested chairs representing state and federal agencies that would help to lessen the load for individuals considering serving in this role. Please contact Kris if you are interested in CEMW leadership opportunities, including serving as leads for any of the workgroup's subcommittees (Living Resources, Habitat, Stewardship etc.).
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Item	2	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Liaison Reports	30 min
Purpose:	<p>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.</p> <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/Cristina Grosso 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 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:	<p>2.1- <i>CA WQMC</i>: The last meeting was held in Costa Mesa, CA. Kris briefly went over the meeting agenda and the topics discussed (see Council meeting notes from August 18).</p> <p>2.2- <i>CA Wetland Monitoring Workgroup</i>: The Wetland Monitoring Workgroup (CWMW) has previously searched for an agency to house their toolsets (e.g., EcoAtlas), as it would help ensure their long-term sustainability. The workgroup has recently worked to develop a business plan, which identifies other options for funding these efforts, among other goals. The business plan was presented at the August 18 Monitoring Council meeting, and the Council members were generally supportive of the workgroup exploring other funding options. The Council members asked the CWMW to return at an upcoming meeting with more details regarding their approach and funding strategies. Kris highlighted that the CEMW would be</p>	

	<p>able to learn from the CWMW's efforts, as the CEMW has experienced similar challenges regarding the long term funding for the Estuaries Portal.</p> <p>2.3- <i>Healthy Streams Partnership</i>: No meetings since September 2016 (no update).</p> <p>2.4- <i>Data Management Workgroup</i>: Tony Hale provided a brief update on the efforts of the workgroup and the details from the last meeting (see July 19 meeting notes).</p> <p>2.5- <i>BOG workgroup for "Is it safe to eat fish?"</i>: There have been updates to the Safe to Eat portal on usability issues and user friendliness since their last meeting in April 2017.</p> <p>2.6- <i>Safe to Swim Workgroup</i>: Not an active workgroup (no update)</p> <p>2.7- <i>Ocean/Rocky Intertidal Workgroup</i>: On hold – Kris suggested removing from next meeting update.</p> <p>2.8- <i>CCHAB Workgroup</i>: Kris Jones provided a brief overview of the CCHAB's July 27 meeting (see meeting notes).</p> <p>2.9- <i>Sacramento River Watershed Program</i>: Portal moving forward on data collection (management and visualization).</p> <p>2.10- <i>Bay Delta Live</i>: No update</p>
Action Items:	Kris Jones will remove 2.7 from next agenda

Item	3	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Data Readiness Assessments	60 min
Purpose:	Kris Jones and Tony Hale will introduce the topic of 'Data Readiness Assessments' and propose using this approach for strategic outreach with key partners—e.g., to identify those partners that are more ready to share their data via the Estuaries Portal.	
Desired Outcome:	Information exchange. Seeking CEMW approval regarding this approach as a potential outreach strategy with key partners.	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones, Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Notes:	Kris Jones introduced the item, indicating that a group met back in July to discuss CEMW strategic planning. The group sought to try and identify opportunities for collaboration between the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) and the CEMW. The topic of supporting the IEP and their Data Utilization Workgroup (DUWG) was an opportunity that came from those discussions—specifically using readiness assessments to assess how ready IEP programs are for sharing their data. Kris added that this could be an opportunity to think strategically for the CEMW's outreach, seeking out those groups that are more ready to share their data and carrying out targeted outreach regarding whether those groups would want to partner with the CEMW to make their data available via the Estuaries Portal. In addition, for those groups that are less ready to share their data, the workgroup could identify any potential obstacles, and help provide support (e.g., via the Council's Data Management Workgroup). Tony then presented on data readiness	

	assessments to educate the group on the topic. One idea that came up was to potentially use a survey to assess program readiness, followed by interviews for clarification. The workgroup agreed that this approach was worth supporting, once it has been approved by the IEP Lead Scientist and the IEP Science Management Team (SMT).
Action Items:	<p>Kris Jones will work with Vanessa Tobias to give a presentation to IEP Science Management Team.</p> <p>Kris Jones will make Tony Hale's presentation available on the Workgroup's page.</p> <p>Kris Jones and Vanessa Tobias will approach Steve Culberson regarding potential collaborative opportunities between the CEMW and the DUWG.</p>

Item	4	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Subcommittee and Portal Updates	45 min
Purpose:	<p>These are expected to be brief informational items from the CEMW's active subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality and Quantity • Living Resources <p>34 North will also demonstrate content, which can be further developed and incorporated into the updated Estuary Portal.</p>	
Desired Outcome:	<p>Updates from subcommittees regarding their respective efforts, as well as their progress to-date regarding the redesign of the Estuaries Portal. Identify interested individuals, who can further develop portal content (e.g., home page, content gaps, etc.), including the content proposed by 34 North.</p>	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones, Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Notes:	<p>Water Quality and Quantity – currently taking a look at old and new portal content, evaluating what remaining content needs to be transitioned to the new template.</p> <p>Living Resources – Kris indicated that he will reach out to the leads for the living resources sections to review new and old content, as is being done by the Water subcommittee. The goal is to share updates at the next CEMW meeting on November 8th.</p>	
Action Item	<p>Kris to reach out to Catherine Johnston and April Hennessy regarding reviewing content for the portal.</p> <p>Kris will reach out to more members for potential leadership opportunities for the subcommittees.</p> <p>Kris to talk to Russ Ryan (Metropolitan) regarding connections between Bay Delta Live and the Estuaries Workgroup.</p>	

Item	5	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Proposed Strategic Planning Subcommittee	15 min
Purpose:	Kris Jones will propose a new subcommittee, which would focus on strategic planning and outreach. The subcommittee could also help identify strategic partnerships, and develop approaches which might entice greater participation and potential leadership for the CEMW.	
Desired Outcome:	Identify individuals interested in joining a subcommittee focused on strategic planning and outreach, which could better inform and guide the CEMW's efforts moving forward.	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones, Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Notes:	<p>The subcommittee would focus on potential collaborative opportunities in the Delta, with an emphasis on data sharing.</p> <p>The following individuals volunteered to participate in the subcommittee: Kris Jones, Maggie Christman, Sarah Lesmeister, Betsy Wells, Jack Gouge, and Sonia Miller. Rachel Pisor was also suggested as a potentially interested participant.</p>	
Action Items:	Kris Jones will send out a meeting invite to those interested in participating in this subcommittee.	

Item	6	Approx. Time
Title of Topic:	Next Meeting Agenda	15 min
Purpose:	Plan the next CEMW meeting agenda. Proposed meeting topics include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Liaison Reports 2) Preparation for Estuary Portal demonstrations at the Monitoring Council's November 28 meeting. 3) CEMW nominations and voting 4) Strategic planning subcommittee report back 	
Desired Outcome:	Decide on meeting frequency as well as agenda topics for the next CEMW meeting.	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones, Kristopher.Jones@water.ca.gov	
Notes:	The workgroup unanimously voted to meet quarterly moving forward, having the subcommittees meet more frequently (as needed). The next CEMW meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2017. The meeting agenda and email notification will be sent in advance of that meeting.	

October 6, 2017

Approved November 8, 2017