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Meeting of the Interagency Ecological Program

Stakeholder Group

May 2, 2012 9:00 - Noon

Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd, Room 119
West Sacramento 95691

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – 10 min
Erwin Van Nieuwenhuysse, USBR
2. IEP Science Update – 30 min
Anke Mueller-Solger, DSC
3. State and Federal Water Contractors Agency Science Projects and
Priorities/Update on CWEMF Estuary Monitoring Portal – 10 min
Val Connor, SFWCA
4. Update on Adaptive Management of Fall Outflow for Delta Smelt Protection and
Water Supply Reliability – 15 min
Erwin Van Nieuwenhuysse, USBR
5. Update on Delta Smelt 'First Flush' Migration Study – 10 min
Roger Fujii, USGS
6. Rio Vista Estuarine Research Station – 5 min
Ted Sommer, DWR
7. Group Discussion on 2013 IEP Work Plan – 90 min
Erwin Van Nieuwenhuysse, USBR
8. Wrap up/Future Topics – 10 min
Erwin Van Nieuwenhuysse, USBR

The Interagency Ecological Program Stakeholder Group (IEPSG) consists of IEP agency representatives and stakeholders who do not participate regularly in IEP activities, but use information and data developed by the IEP to manage and regulate the water quality and biological resources of the Bay-Delta. The IEPSG meets approximately twice a year to get updates on current IEP monitoring and research activities, to offer suggestions for future monitoring and research and to discuss issues of concern.

The IEP staff is very interested in communicating with IEP stakeholders. This agenda reflects a renewed focus on providing stakeholders with updates on IEP activities and on soliciting suggestions for future activities. Feedback is encouraged. Meetings of the IEPSG are open to the public. Times indicated in the agenda are approximate. The order of agenda items is subject to change.

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ITEM:	1		Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION		10 minutes
Background and Purpose:	Introductions, consideration of agenda, recap of previous IEPSG meeting.		
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange		
Attachment Links:			
Contact Person:	Erwin Van Nieuwenhuyse	EVanNieuwenhuyse@usbr.gov	
Notes:			
Decisions:			
Action Items:			

ITEM:	2	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	IEP Science Update	30 minutes
Background and Purpose:	The IEP Lead Scientist will provide a summary of the IEP annual workshop held April 18-20 and updates on the POD synthesis effort, the Management Analysis and Synthesis Team (MAST), and two upcoming program reviews: (1) the Delta Juvenile Fishes Monitoring Program and (2) the Delta Juvenile Salmon Survival Studies program.	
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange	
Attachments:		
Contact Person:	Anke Mueller-Solger	ANKE.MUELLER-SOLGER@DELTACOUNCIL.CA.GOV
Notes:		
Decisions:		
Action Items:		

ITEM:	3	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	State and Federal Contractors Water Agency Science Projects	10 minutes
Background and Purpose:	The State and Federal Water Contractors Agency Science Coordinator will provide a brief summary of science projects in 2012 and priorities for 2013. An update on the CWEMF Estuary Monitoring Portal will also be provided.	
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange	
Link:		
Contact Person:	Val Connor	vconnor@sfcwa.org
Notes:		
Decisions:		
Action Items:		

ITEM:	4	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	Adaptive Management of Fall Outflow for Delta Smelt Protection and Water Supply Reliability	15 minutes
Background and Purpose:	The 2008 Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion on the long term operation of the Central Valley Project/State Water Project included an RPA action that requires the adaptive management of Fall outflows to improve physical habitat conditions for delta smelt in wet and above-normal water years. In 2011, a wet year, IEP coordinated an enhanced monitoring and special studies effort to document the physical and biological conditions that prevailed before, during and after the Fall 2011 outflow event. A brief summary of the preliminary findings of this effort will be provided as well as a time line for independent scientific review and publication of results.	
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange	
Attachments:	http://www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice/index.html	
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Notes:		
Decisions:		
Action Items:		

ITEM:	5	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	Delta Smelt 'First Flush' Migration Study	5 minutes
Background and Purpose:	An update will be provided on this 4-year study to provide information on the extent to which changes in salinity and turbidity trigger the spawning migration of delta smelt.	
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange	
Attachments:		
Contact Person:	Lee Case	HLCASE@USGS.GOV
Notes:		
Decisions:		
Action Items:		

ITEM:	6	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	RIO VISTA ESTUARINE RESEARCH STATION (RVERS)	5 minutes
Background and Purpose:	An update on progress toward implementing the RVERS initiative will be provided.	
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange	
Attachment Links:		
Contact Person:	Ted Sommer	TSOMMER@WATER.CA.GOV
Notes:		
Decisions:		
Action Items:		

ITEM:	7	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	Group Discussion on 2013 IEP Work Plan	90 minutes
Background and Purpose:	This discussion will provide stakeholders with a better understanding of the IEP and the research it is coordinating. This will be participatory process that enhances communication, coordination and collaboration. This discussion is intended to explore what types of information and input both IEP and stakeholders would find valuable, and determine how to best achieve that objective with existing resources.	
Desired Outcome:	Information Exchange	
Attachments:		
Contact Person:	Erwin Van Nieuwenhuyse	
Notes:		
Decisions:		
Action Items:		

ITEM:	8	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	Wrap up	10 minutes
Background and Purpose:	Summarize action items and solicit topic ideas for next meeting.	
Desired Outcome:	Information exchange	
Attachments:		
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