

Newsletter

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Interagency Program Quarterly Highlights

Revised Compliance Monitoring Program

Harlan Proctor

Approval has been received from the State Water Resources Control Board to implement the compliance monitoring and special studies program recommended by the Interagency Program and adopted in the *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* (May 1995). This program constitutes a modification of the compliance monitoring required by Water Right Decision 1485 and pertains only to the water quality elements. Although some elements of the modified program have already been implemented, this

formal approval relieves the obligation to continue the Decision 1485 program and allows us to focus all resources on the new program. The first field monitoring run under the new plan is scheduled for January 1996.

Measurement of Delta Flows

Rick Oltmann

The ultrasonic velocity meter (UVM) flow monitoring stations on the San Joaquin River at Jersey Point and on the Sacramento River upstream of the Delta Cross Channel are once again collecting data; recalibration of the sites has not yet been completed. Installation of the UVM station on Dutch Slough continued, and the

site should be operational in January. The left bank UVM for the Sacramento River at Rio Vista site should be in operation in February.

Food Web Conceptual Model

Wim Kimmerer

The Estuarine Ecology Team published the *Working Conceptual Model for the Food Web of the San Francisco Bay/Delta Estuary* as Interagency Technical Report 42. This conceptual model is an attempt to describe our understanding of the bay/delta ecosystem, with emphasis on the lower trophic levels. The model focuses on what is known about this ecosystem and what needs to be learned. Objectives of the study were