

SALTON SEA HABITAT WORKING GROUP MEETING

**June 29, 2005
Ontario, CA**

Introductions

Attendees were welcomed by Marti Kie (DWR). Attendees introduced themselves and stated their affiliations.

Salton Sea Habitats/Species

Jack Crayon (DFG) presented an overview of current habitats and species use at the Salton Sea and surrounding area. He also presented information regarding the DFG's vision for restoration and emphasized the importance of maintaining a mosaic of habitats in the Salton Sea area to maintain species diversity.

Doug Barnum (USGS) also presented information on habitats at the Salton Sea and described current and recent research. He discussed efforts to examine creation of shallow saline habitat, reviewed avian foraging behavior, and described the benefits associated with created saline shallow water habitat.

Discussion

The group discussed various topics, including goals and objectives, species vs. habitat management, changing conditions at the Salton Sea, frequency and content of future meetings, and information that would facilitate the effectiveness of the future meetings.

Action Items

Based on the discussion, the group identified several items for inclusion in future Working Group meetings, including:

1. Information on current habitat amounts
2. Species (guild) information and habitat associations
3. Disturbance issues in restoration planning (including buffers)
4. Information on project staging
5. Proximity issues for habitats
6. Web site information

NEXT MEETING

August 9, 2005 in Ontario

ATTENDANCE

Marti Kie	Department of Water Resources
Jason Rhine	California Waterfowl Association
Julia Levin	Audubon California
Kathy Molina	Natural History Museum (LA County)
Arturo Delgado	CA Department of Fish and Game
Kim Nicol	CA Department of Fish and Game
Jack Crayon	CA Department of Fish and Game
Kim Delfino	Defenders of Wildlife
Carol Roberts	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Bill Tippetts	San Diego County Water Authority
Bruce Wilcox	Imperial Irrigation District
Laure Washburn	Defenders of Wildlife
Mike Cohen	Pacific Institute
John Scott	Metropolitan Water District
Doug Barnum	US Geological Survey
Chris Schoneman	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Michael Walker	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Jesus Montano	Torrez-Martinez Indians
Rosie Thompson	SAIC
Darryl Hayes	CH2M HILL
Ron Gundry	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Charles Keene	Department of Water Resources
Jerry Boles	Department of Water Resources
Monica Swartz	Coachella Valley Water District
Bruce Wilcox	Imperial Irrigation District
David Christophel	CH2M HILL
Pat Cooper	Senator Ducheny's Office