

BRIDGE EXERCISE NOTES

I. OVERALL PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

- Funding is needed to continue fish mercury work
- There needs to be continued opportunities to collaborate
 - Model collaboration from LSAG
 - Find funding the continue LSAG

II. SPECIFIC COLLABORATIONS IDENTIFIED

- DWR – collaborate w/ Mechoopda, CIEA, SWAMP, and future monitoring efforts
- TechLaw – wants to facilitate talking about collaboration
- Sherri Norris and Vicki Fry can collaborate on media and schools. Vicki can take the lead, come up with a proposal, and schedule a meeting with the Dept. of Education. She wants community support.
- Contra Costa Water Program will collaborate (within region) to take legislative action on ACA 12 (Torlakson)
- Lao Family Stockton and UCF to work together on radio outreach
- OEHHA would like to collaborate with CARE
- SAAC would like to collaborate with UCF
- UCD would like to build collaborative links
- CIEA would like to expand collaboration with other groups
- SFEI would like to help CBOs get \$ for outreach

III. SAN FRANCISCO BAY & REGION WIDE

- There is an interconnection of issues
- Collaboration is needed; There is a need for strategic partnerships
 - LSAG us a good model for collaboration
 - LSAG is a good interface tool
- There is a need for a unified message about mercury contamination
 - Mercury in fish is just one component of a larger issue
 - Fish education should be part of nutrition education
 - The conversations around fish should be combined to develop one large issue/message
- There are effective ways to communicate with the legislature
- Environmental and community sustainability (there is a need for resources to do the level of community work that is required to have meaningful input)
- Delta Vision Collaboration
- Conversations about farm-raising certain species of fish
- Conversations about an ocean protection plan and that this could be a resource for getting the fish message out.
- Community involvement

- Nutrition

CA Indian Environmental Alliance plans to:

- Strategic planning meetings with tribes
- Tribes will define how to deal with mercury contamination

Would Like to:

- (Nothing in tacklebox)

Todos Unidos plans to:

- Sanitation district collaboration
- E-waste

Would Like to:

- Would like to model future collaboration after the LSAG

Contra Costa County Public Health plans to:

- Implement TMDLs

Would Like to:

- Political education
- Work with LSAG as a group to get funding through the legislature

CC Clean Water Program plans to:

- Storm water program
- Take legislative action on Torlakson bill (ACA 12)

Would Like to:

- Collaborate with others doing fish mercury work

Clean Water Action plans to:

- Do pollution prevention
- Get new people involved in the work

Would Like to:

- Stop using contaminants
- Link more communities to the Green Chemistry Initiative
- Involve environmental justice communities
- Develop upstream and long-term solutions to the Mercury Problem

Tracy Fish Collection Agency plans to:

- Look at fish from overseas
- Arrange tours of fishing facilities

Would Like to:

- Connect to the Ocean Protection Council

East Bay MUD/BACWA plans to:

- Sampling

Would Like to:

- Neutralize mercury

California Fish & Game – Fishing in the City plans to:



Would Like to:



IV. STOCKTON & FRESNO

What Stood Out:

- Fish as a common factor for diverse populations
- Many opportunities exist for collaboration
- Delta fish facts
- Mercury messages are still confusing
 - People don't know the difference between "Avoid" and "Don't Eat"
- Changes/additions to mercury messages add to confusion
 - This includes new advisories
- Grant process, opportunities
 - Info helpful, also
 - Obstacles for new organizations
- Mercury risks and benefits
- Omega 6 and Omega 3 balance

OEHHA plans to:

- Review Focus Group info to improve advisories
- Develop Sac River and N. Delta advisories

Would Like to:

- Collaborate further with CARE

UCF plans to:

- Continue to hold classes, update community
- Do more outreach

Would Like to:

- Educate thru Radio (Cambodian)
- Meet with Lao Family of Stockton to learn about their radio outreach
- Create a fishing mural

Lao Family of Stockton plans to:

- Participate in the Hmong Festival
- Continue their radio outreach

Would Like to:

- Provide tech assist to UCF & others

SAAC plans to:

- Hold monthly community meetings
- Increase outreach to Hmong
- Continue their workshops

Would Like to:

- Collaborate with UCF

Todos Unidos plans to:

- Provide info to their WIC program
- Focus outreach to teen mothers
- Work with youth

Would Like to:

- (Nothing in tacklebox)

CIEA plans to:

- Continue a variety of education outreach
- Strengthen their org structure
- Strengthen funding stream
- Get 501(c)3 status

Would Like to:

- Research remediation methods
- Inventory database repositories (???)
- Expand their collaboration with other groups

UCD plans to:

- Gather info on Delta anglers
- Develop a community plan
- Collaborate with SAAC
- Provide tech assist to others

Would Like to:

- Continue to build collaborative links

V. SACRAMENTO

What Stood Out:

- Missing current decision makers (legislators, senior managers, board members)
- investigation of funding opportunities
- trust building requires immersion of communities and pre-created relationships; agencies can do that effectively because individuals within organizations changes
- ways to fund local community involvement in decision and mercury risk communication
- development of best management practices to control/reduce methylmercury production in wetland and flood plains
- Techlaw has expertise in collaboration and public outreach. Activities today stressed the importance of collaboration with agencies and environmental justice groups and obtaining funding to do so.
- need for funding (community groups and agencies) so agencies can work with communities collaboratively in research guidance, and study dissemination.

- The experiences in how to do effective outreach—to advise strategy development to get funding

SFEI/SFBRWOCB plans to:

- use the SFEI website to provide updates on mercury-related issues
- produce summaries on fish monitoring data
- RMP and SWAMP monitoring

Would Like to:

- Help CBOs get \$ for outreach

Tech Law plans to:

- work with the State of Utah to identify mercury sources areas with fish advisories

Would Like to:

- find funding for agencies for collaboration

OEHHA plans to:

- develop advisories

Would Like to:

- omega-3 studies
- funding for better design of materials

Yolo County Health Department plans to:

- training
- information sharing

Would Like to:

- find funding
- develop media in Spanish and other languages

Dept. of Water Resources plans to:

- monitoring fish and water
- share information

Would Like to:

- Collect more data

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District plans to:

- bioaccumulation results (water, sediments, fish, clams, people)

Would Like to:

- board support for continued community capacity development
- outreach to schools to reach children

California Indian Environmental Alliance plans to:

- share information by emailing on list serve
- advocacy for tribes (tribal strategies for TMDL)

Would Like to:

- documenting FMP stakeholder process in a report
- funding for a program manager

- safe locations to fish

Dept. of Fish and Game plans to:

- Best management practices studies at Yolo Bypass to control mercury

Would Like to:

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board plans to:

- TMDL for Delta and Central Valley

Would Like to:

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Mechoopda Tribe plans to:

- Get information out to community

Would Like to:

- more data on fish