



RMP Exposure and Effects Workgroup Meeting

November 26th, 2007

**San Francisco Estuary Institute
First Floor Conference Room
7770 Pardee Lane, Oakland
10:00am-4:00pm**

Lunch will be provided. We will take a short break and then keep working through lunch.

DRAFT AGENDA

1.	Introductions and Review of Agenda (Attachment) A summary of the last meeting will be given. Desired outcome of today's meeting is to discuss elements five-year plans with a focus on birds, foodweb accumulation, and revisions to the benthic effects element.	10:00 Meg Sedlak
2.	Revised Five-year Plan for Benthic Effects Work in the RMP (Attachment) The five-year plan has been revised pursuant to the committee's comments. The revised plan will be presented. Desired Outcome: EEWG approval of the revised draft.	10:20 Jay Davis, Bruce Thompson, Sarah Lowe, Aroon Melwani
3.	Five-year Plan for Bird Work	
3a.	Update on USGS/USFWS Avian Studies USGS/USFWS commenced an EEPS study in 2007 to identify thresholds at which mercury impairs egg hatchability and chick survival. An update on this project and other USGS/USFWS work will be presented.	11:20 Collin Eagle-Smith, Josh Ackerman
	Lunch Break	11:45
3b.	Five-year Plan for Bird Work (Attachment) EEPS has conducted a number of avian studies. A proposed five-year plan for avian effects studies will be presented. Desired Outcome: EEWG approval of the draft plan for this one element of the overall five-year plan for exposure and effects work in the RMP.	12:15 Jay Davis

4.	Foodweb Accumulation	
4a.	Update on South Bay Salt Pond Work The first phase of the South Bay Salt Pond Work investigating accumulation of mercury in foodweb has been completed. In the first year, the project evaluated mercury loads in flies, small fish, and songbirds. The results of this project will be used to make decisions regarding the management of salt ponds.	1:45 Letitia Grenier
4b.	Five-year Plan for Foodweb Accumulation, Part One (Attachment) The foodweb accumulation element will focus on characterizing spatial and temporal patterns in the accumulation of contaminants. Desired Outcome: EEWG approval of the draft plan for this one element of the overall five-year plan for exposure and effects work in the RMP.	2:10 Ben Greenfield
5.	Closed Door Meeting of Panel	3:30
6.	Adjourn	4:00