



Delta RMP Steering Committee Meeting Summary

May 11, 2018, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Attendees:

Voting Steering Committee (and/or Alternate) members present:

Name	Representing	Affiliation	Voting status
Cory, David	Agriculture	Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition	Primary
Fadl, Dalia	Stormwater, Phase I	City of Sacramento	Alternate
Ferry, Brendan		El Dorado County	Primary
Fleming, Terry		U.S.EPA Region 9 Water Division	Primary
Fong, Stephanie	Water Supply	State and Federal Contractors Water Authority (SFWCA)	Alternate
Gearheart, Greg	Regulatory-State	State Water Resources Control Board, Information Management & Analysis (OIMA)	Primary
Grovhoug, Tom	POTW	Larry Walker and Associates (LWA)	Alternate
Hiestand, Stephanie	Stormwater, Phase II	City of Tracy	Primary
Houdesheldt, Bruce	Agriculture	Sacramento Valley WQ Coalition	Alternate
Laputz, Adam	Regulatory-State	Central Valley Regional Water Board	Primary, Co-Chair
Okoro, Melanie	Resource Agencies	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	Primary

Safi, Samsor	POTW	Regional San	Alternate
Smith, Lynda		Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Alternate
Tamayo, Dave		County of Sacramento	Primary
Tellers, Josie	POTW	City of Davis	Primary
Wackman, Mike	Agriculture	San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition	Primary
Webster, Debbie	POTW	Central Valley Clean Water Association	Alternate, Co-Chair

TAC Members present:

Name	Representing	Affiliation	Voting status
Ashby, Karen	Stormwater	LWA	TAC member
Cooke, Janice	Regulatory-State	Central Valley Water Board	TAC member
Domagalski, Joseph	TAC Co-Chair	U.S. Geological Survey	TAC co-chair
Johnson, Michael	Agriculture	MLJ-LLC	TAC alternate
Laurenson, Brian	Stormwater	LWA	TAC member
McCord, Stephen	TAC Co-Chair	MEI	Ex Officio

Ex Officio & Staff present:

Name	Representing	Affiliation	Voting status
Cole, Selina		Central Valley Regional Water Board	Staff
Heberger, Matthew		Aquatic Science Center	Staff
McClure, Danny		Central Valley Regional Water Board	Staff
Morris, Patrick		Central Valley Regional Water Board	Staff
Trowbridge, Phil		Aquatic Science Center	Staff

Other:

Name	Representing	Affiliation	Voting status
Bedore, Paul	Dredgers	RBI Consultants	n/a
Franklin, Rebecca	POTW	Regional San	n/a
Heim, Wes	Contractor, Monitoring Partner	Moss Landing Marine Laboratory	n/a

Kapahi, Gita	Facilitator	SWRCB – Office of Public Participation	n/a
Lawson, Dave		Western Plant Health Association	n/a
Orlando, Jim		USGS	n/a

1. Introductions and Review Agenda

A quorum was established.

- Order of Discussion Items was changed: Agenda item #9 (Framework for Fee Increases) followed agenda item #6 (Draft FY 18/19 Workplan and Budget).

2. Decision: Approve Steering Committee Meeting Summary

The February 5, 2018 Meeting Summary was approved by consensus. The Meeting Summary for the March 2, 2018 Steering Committee meeting was approved with the following two revisions:

- Add Tom Grovhoug to the Attendee List.
- Capture the discussion on requesting toxicity labs do a limited intercomparison with Chironomus on a pro bono basis as a condition for doing business with the RMP. Co-chairs will discuss and bring ELAP in to discuss further with the Steering Committee.

The next Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for:

Tuesday, July 17, 2018
 SASD South Assembly Room - Regional San
 10060 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA 95827

Action Items:

- Finalize the February 5, 2018 & March 2, 2018 Meeting Summaries and post to the website. (Matt Heberger, by 5/30/2018)
- Circulate a Doodle Poll to select a date for the Fall Joint SC/TAC Meeting. (Matt Heberger, by 5/30/2018)

3. Information: Technical Advisory Committee Update

The TAC has met twice since the last Steering Committee meeting. Stephen McCord provided a summary of the items covered in the March 15, 2018 and the April 23, 2018 TAC meetings. Full meeting summaries for the March and April meetings were included in the agenda package.

Monitoring Updates

- Mercury: October-January-February there was monitoring at 6-8 sites.
 - Future monitoring: April & June 6 sites for sediment, 7 sites for fish
 - Year 1 Mercury Data Report is nearly done.
- Nutrients: High frequency cruise scheduled for last fall had technical problems and was cancelled.
 - Future monitoring: 3 high frequency cruises in 2018, spring/summer/fall.
 - The Chlorophyll Sensor Intercalibration work is also underway.
- Pesticides: Still working on the Pesticides Data Report. Pesticides subcommittee has held 7+ meetings, the most of any of the subcommittees.
- Pathogens: The Pathogens report was drafted and circulated. Per Brian Laurensen finalization of the report is dependent on clarification of the data submitted by one of the purveyors.
- CECs: Still in the planning phase, subcommittee has been set up.

Matt Heberger advised the committee that all provisional data was available on the TAC web site. Site access requires setting up a secure login and password. Committee members asked that Matt send them login/password setup information, and to utilize a push notification when new data is uploaded.

TAC co-chair Stephen McCord indicated they would like to resolve the issue of appointing new co-chairs for the TAC. They would like consideration for replacing Joe Domagalski this summer, and Stephen next year. It was suggested that there may not be a need for two co-chairs for the TAC. The committee asked if Joe and Stephen could advise on some appropriate selections for TAC chair or co-chairs. Additionally, the TAC was asked to weigh in on co-chair/chair needs and advise at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Action Items:

- Distribute login information for the TAC web site to the committee. Utilize a push notification for updates going forward. (Matt Heberger, by 5/30/2018).
- Technical Committee should discuss co-chair/chair needs and bring recommendation to the next Steering Committee meeting. (TAC, by July 17, 2017).

4. Information: Delta RMP Finances

Matt Heberger presented a quarterly financial update, summarizing Delta RMP revenues, expenses and the status of the reserve fund.

5. Information: Financial Subcommittee Report

Dalia Fadl provided an update from the Financial Subcommittee.

The subcommittee discussed the Current Use Pesticides Data Management subtask, which is running over budget, and approved transferring funds from two other subtasks where current and projected expenses are under budget. There is no net fiscal impact to this decision.

The subcommittee also discussed funding options.

It was proposed to have co-chairs approach the individual agencies that used to be with SWFCA to explore the possibility of them directly joining the Delta RMP.

Outreach to the water rights group within the State Board was also suggested. As well as to the State Department of Water Resources.

Prop 1 Funding: There was general agreement that the committee should look at submissions of Fall proposals.

Action Items:

- Consider submitting a Prop 1 funding for the CEC Study and Pesticides Monitoring. This item should be added to the next TAC meeting agenda. (Matt Heberger, by 6/4/2018)

6. Decision: Draft FY18/19 Workplan and Budget

Matt Heberger presented the FY18/19 workplan and budget which included the Core Programmatic Tasks plus technical projects for mercury and nutrients. Both technical projects had been reviewed by the subcommittees and the TAC.

Decision:

- After discussion, the committee voted to fund the workplan with Mercury funded at 8 water sampling events, Nutrients modeling study funded completely, and the Chlorophyll Intercalibration Study funded at 50%. Steering Committee to request Bay Nutrient Management Strategy 50% cost share. There was one abstention.

7. Information: Progress update on proposed monitoring designs for Pesticides, Toxicity, and Contaminants of Emerging Concern

Matt Heberger provided a progress update on the proposed monitoring designs. The technical subcommittees on Pesticides and CECs have met several times this spring and are close to finalizing proposed monitoring designs. The designs will be presented to the TAC in June and come to the Steering Committee for a decision at the July 17th meeting. If approved, the monitoring work would begin in early fall.

8. Decision: Approve Contractor for Pesticides Interpretive Report

Several strong proposals were received for the Pesticide Interpretive Report. The Pesticides Subcommittee and the TAC have reviewed the proposals and recommend awarding the contract to Deltares.

Decisions:

- The committee voted to approve the selection of Deltares as the contractor for the Pesticides Interpretive Report.

Action Item:

- Put in place subcontract with Deltares (Matt Heberger, by 6/15/2018).

9. Decision: Framework for Fee Increases

In March 2018, the Steering Committee discussed the need to increase participant fees to keep pace with inflation. The Finance Subcommittee discussed fee options at their April meeting.

Decisions:

- After discussion, the committee voted to approve the following: Steering committee members will vote on a one-time 3% fee increase to begin in FY19/20 at the July 17, 2018 meeting. There was one abstention.

Action Item:

- Finance Subcommittee will discuss the options/framework for an overall funding process and how to make the process more efficient and bring a proposal to the next Steering Committee meeting. (Finance Subcommittee, by 6/30/2018)

10. Decision: Science Advisors

At its March 15, 2018 meeting, the TAC made recommendations for experts in the areas of statistics/monitoring, design and pesticides/toxicity. The committee recommended that a structural process be developed for interacting with the advisors, and requested the TAC outline an approach.

Decisions:

- The committee voted to approve the roster of Science Advisors recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Action Item:

- Technical Advisory Committee will develop a strategic plan for utilizing the Science Advisors (TAC, by 6/30/2018).

11. Information: Status of RMP Deliverables and Action Items

- This item was discussed only briefly.

12. Suggest Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- This item was not discussed.

Adjourn