



Summary Delta RMP Steering Committee Teleconference

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

In attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Representing	Position
Mike Wackman	San Joaquin County & Delta Water Quality Coalition	Agriculture (2 seats)	Primary
Bruce Houdesheldt	Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition	Agriculture (2 seats)	Alternate
Josie Tellers	City of Davis	POTW (3 seats)	Primary
Kathryn Garcia	City of Stockton Regional Wastewater Control Facility	POTW (3 seats)	Primary
Rebecca Franklin	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San)	POTW (3 seats)	Primary
Debbie Webster	Central Valley Clean Water Association	POTW (3 seats)	Alternate
Samsor Safi	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San)	POTW (3 seats)	Alternate
Adam Laputz	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	Regulatory Agencies (3 seats)	Primary
Dave Tamayo	County of Sacramento	Stormwater Agencies (3 seats)	Primary
Stephanie Hiestand	City of Tracy	Stormwater Agencies (3 seats)	Primary
Stephen McCord	McCord Environmental, Inc.	TAC Chair	Ex Officio
Matthew Heberger	Aquatic Science Center	staff	
Selina Cole	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	staff	
Patrick Morris	Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	staff	

Today's meeting had only one agenda item, to plan the *Pulse of the Delta*. The desired outcome was SC direction on the desired format and key messages for the *Pulse*.

A quorum was established, with 11 of 18 voting members in attendance, which meets the threshold of more than 50% of voting members.

Program manager Matt Heberger gave a presentation on planning the *Pulse of the Delta*.

The *Pulse* is intended to focus on water quality of the Delta, highlight the Delta RMP's accomplishments, and outline where we are going in the future. Last fall, the SC decided to

delay production of the Pulse pending the completion of several reports. The approved budget includes funds for ASC to draft the report, but does not include design/layout, printing, or outreach/communication.

After some discussion, the group came to 3 consensus decisions:

1. **Scope of the report:** Delta RMP focused data and accomplishments. Not to include contributions from external partners.
2. **Theme:** Delta RMP data complement other programs to fill critical data gaps. Be sure to emphasize collaborative nature of the program.
3. **Timing of the report:** Publish the Pulse in Summer/Fall 2020, to allow sufficient lead time to incorporate the findings of (1) Pesticides Interpretive Report, (2) the next USGS High-Frequency Nutrients Monitoring Report, and (3) Mercury Interpretive Report.

The draft outline for the report is as presented and amended:

- 1) **Overview**
 - a) Introduction to this year's theme
 - b) Who we are and what we do.
- 2) **Management Update**
 - a) How the RMP is informing management decisions
 - b) Highlights of recent accomplishments
 - c) Future direction
- 3) **Feature Articles**
 - a) Mercury
 - b) Nutrients
 - c) Pesticides
 - d) Pathogens
- 4) **Key Status and Trends Infographics**
 - a) (if not covered in Section 3)
- 5) **Acknowledgments**
 - a) Program Participants
 - b) Contractors
 - c) Key Partners
- 6) **References**

We will consider the format, i.e. print publication vs. web at a future date. Some participants suggested a standard print or PDF publication in addition to online story maps or other interactive widgets.

Action Items:

- Update the project management plan with revised timelines for tasks, milestones for publishing the Pulse (Matt Heberger, by 1/15/2019)
- Provide the SC with an updated budget related to design, printing, and outreach (Matt Heberger, by 4/1/2019)