



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

Karl E. Longley, ScD, P.E., Chair



Linda S. Adams
Secretary for
Environmental
Protection

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114
Phone (916) 464-3291 • FAX (916) 464-4645
<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley>

Arnold
Schwarzenegger
Governor

18 August 2008

See attached distribution list

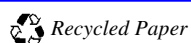
DELTA REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM STAKEHOLDER PANEL KICKOFF MEETING

This is an invitation to participate as a stakeholder in the development and implementation of a critical and important project, the Delta Regional Monitoring Program (Delta RMP), being developed jointly by the State and Regional Boards' Bay-Delta Team. The Delta RMP stakeholder panel kickoff meeting is scheduled for 30 September 2008 and we respectfully request your attendance at the meeting. The meeting will consist of two sessions (see attached draft agenda). During the first session, Water Board staff will provide an overview of the impetus for the Delta RMP and initial planning efforts. The purpose of the first session is to gain management-level stakeholder input and, if possible, endorsement of and commitment to the Delta RMP planning effort. We request that you and your designee attend the first session together. The second session will be a working meeting for the designees to discuss the details of how to proceed with the planning process. A brief discussion of the purpose and background of the project is provided below.

In December 2007 and January 2008 the State Water Board, Central Valley Regional Water Board, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board (collectively Water Boards) adopted a joint resolution (2007-0079, R5-2007-0161, and R2-2008-0009, respectively) committing the Water Boards to take several actions to protect beneficial uses in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta). The resolution directed Water Board staff to prepare a strategic workplan that describes the scope, timelines, and resource needs for implementing the actions in coordination among the Water Boards and with stakeholders. Water Board staff prepared the June 2008 *Draft Strategic Workplan for Activities in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* (Strategic Workplan), which the State Water Board adopted on 16 July 2008 (Resolution 2008-0056). The Central Valley Regional Water Board and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board will consider adopting the Strategic Workplan later this year.

One action identified in the Strategic Workplan is the evaluation, development, and implementation of a comprehensive Delta RMP. As stakeholder involvement and coordination will be critical to the success of this effort, the Water Boards propose to convene an expert stakeholder panel. The panel, consisting of representative stakeholders, will be tasked with assisting the Water Boards in developing the goals, objectives, scope, and strategy for a sustainable Delta RMP. In addition to stakeholder coordination, this project will be closely coordinated with other similar, ongoing efforts such as the CALFED Science Program's project to develop a strategy for Delta monitoring, assessment and research; the Sacramento River Watershed Program's pilot project to develop a regional monitoring program; and the US EPA's efforts to develop a monitoring directory and strategy for monitoring in the San Joaquin River basin.

California Environmental Protection Agency



Prior efforts to develop a comprehensive monitoring program for the Delta, such as CALFED's Comprehensive Monitoring, Assessment and Research Program (CMARP), have failed to establish a sustainable and fundable program, primarily because the programs were too ambitious. The Water Boards will utilize lessons learned from these previous efforts, as well as from existing RMPs (e.g., San Francisco Estuary, San Gabriel River, and Southern California Bight), to attempt to develop a feasible, sustainable, and fundable Delta RMP using a phased approach.

The first phase is to establish a framework for compiling, analyzing, and reporting data collected by existing monitoring programs on a regular basis. The initial phase will provide a foundation upon which to develop and implement additional aspects of the monitoring and assessment program. The second, longer-term phase will be to develop and implement a comprehensive RMP that coordinates, and as needed expands, monitoring being conducted in the Delta. Stakeholder involvement and coordination are essential to both phases of this process.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important Water Board project and we look forward to seeing you and your designee on September 30th. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this matter please contact us at the numbers provided below or Karen Larsen at (916) 464-4646.

Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
(916) 464-4839

Dorothy Rice
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
(916) 341-5615

Enclosures (2)

Distribution List

State Agencies

Tam M. Doduc, Board Chair
State Water Resources Control Board

Lester Snow, Director
California Department of Water
Resources

Gary Wolff, Board Vice Chair
State Water Resources Control Board

Arthur G. Baggett, Jr., Board Member
State Water Resources Control Board

Linda Fiack, Executive Director
Delta Protection Commission

Dorothy R. Rice, Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board

Tom Howard, Chief Deputy Director
State Water Resources Control Board

Joe Grindstaff, Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Co-Chair California Water Quality
Monitoring Council

Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director
State Water Resources Control Board
Co-Chair California Water Quality
Monitoring Council

Karl E. Longley, Board Chair
Central Valley Regional Water Quality
Control Board

Mary-Ann Warmerdam, Director
California Department of Pesticide
Regulation

Katherine Hart, Board Vice Chair
Central Valley Regional Water Quality
Control Board

Pamela C. Creedon, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality
Control Board

Donald Koch, Director
California Department of Fish and Game

Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Regional Water
Quality Control Board

John Muller, Board Chair
San Francisco Bay Regional Water
Quality Control Board

Rufus Howell, Deputy Director
Center for Environmental Health
California Department of Public Health

Terry Young, Board Vice Chair
San Francisco Bay Regional Water
Quality Control Board

Federal Agencies

Steve Thompson, Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
California/Nevada Operations

Rodney McInnis, Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service,
Southwest Regional Office

Michael V. Shulters, Director
U.S. Geological Survey
California Water Science Center

Donald Glaser, Regional Director
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid Pacific
Region

Alexis Straus, Regional Water
Management Division Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Colonel Ronald N. Light
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Sacramento District

Water Agencies, Districts and Contractors

Elaine Archibald, Executive Director
California Urban Water Agencies

Terry Erlewine, General Manager
State Water Contractors

Rosemary Kamei, Board Chair
Santa Clara Valley Water District

Dante John Nomellini, Manager & Co-
Counsel
Central Delta Water Agency

Henry Kuechler, Board President
North Delta Water Agency

Dennis W. Westcot, Project Administrator
San Joaquin River Group Authority

John Herrick, Counsel & Manager
South Delta Water Agency

Greg Gartrell, Assistant General Manager
Contra Costa Water District

Patricia Corey, General Manager
East Contra Costa Irrigation District

Melvin Panizza, Board President
Stockton East Water District

Thomas R. Flinn, Director of Public Works
San Joaquin County Flood Control and
Water Conservation District

Steven Stroud, General Manager
South San Joaquin Irrigation District

Dan Nelson, General Manager
San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water
Authority

Dennis Diemer, General Manager
East Bay Municipal Utilities District

Michael Boccadoro, General Manager
Coalition for a Sustainable Delta

Steve Knell, General Manager
Oakdale Irrigation District

Rick Gilmore, General Manager
Byron-Bethany Irrigation District

Mic Stewart, Manager, Water Quality
Section
Metropolitan Water District

Wastewater Dischargers

Debbie Webster, Executive Officer
Central Valley Clean Water Association

Mark Houghton, Director/City Engineer
City of Manteca
Public Works Department

Paul M. Sensibaugh, General Manager
Mountain House Community Services
District

Jeff Willet, Assistant Director/Engineering
Manager
City of Stockton
Municipal Utilities Department

Marty Hanneman, Interim Director
City of Sacramento
Department of Utilities

Brent Salmi, Director/City Engineer
City of Rio Vista
Department of Public Works

Balwinder S. Grewal, Director/City
Engineer
City of Brentwood
Public Works Department

Jim Colston, Tri-TAC Chair
Orange County Sanitation District

Gary Darling, General Manager
Delta Diablo Sanitation District

Wally Sandelin, Director
City of Lodi
Public Works Department

Mary Snyder, District Engineer
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation
District

John Chillemi, President
Mirant Delta, LLC
Contra Costa Power Plant

Kevin Tobeck, Director
City of Tracy
Public Works Department

David Tompkins, Assistant Director
City of Vacaville
Public Works Department

Catherine Smith, CAE, Executive Director
California Association of Sanitation
Agencies

Lenny Byer, Board President
Ironhouse Sanitary District

Shannon Murhpy-Teixeira
Board Director and President
Discovery Bay CSD

Stormwater Dischargers

Donald Freitas, Program Manager
Contra Costa Clean Water Program
Contra Costa County Public Works

Mark Madison, Director
City of Stockton
Municipal Utilities Department

Cheryl Creson, Director
City of Elk Grove
Public Works Department

Thomas R. Flinn, Public Works Director
County of San Joaquin
Public Works Department

Richard Aschieris, Director
Port of Stockton

Cyrus Abhar, Director
City of Rancho Cordova
Public Works Department

Marty Hanneman, Interim Director
City of Sacramento
Department of Utilities

Keith DeVore, Director
County of Sacramento
Department of Water Resources

Richard Lorenz, Director
City of Folsom
Public Works Department

Gregg Halladay, Director
City of Galt
Public Works Department

David Wheaton, General Services
Director
City of Citrus Heights
Public Works and Engineering

Reclamation Districts

Al Warren Hoslett
Reclamation Districts 1, 2, 544, 756,
2025, 2028, 2042, 2059, 2075, 2089,
2090, 2107, and 2137

Dante John Nomellini
Reclamation Districts 684, 2023, 2024,
2038, 2072, 2116, 2117, and 2119

Bob Webber
Reclamation District 999, Yolo County
(Netherlands)

Dante John Nomellini, Jr.
Reclamation Districts 404, 548, 2037,
2041, 2065, 2113

Chris Lanzafame
Reclamation District 1607, Solano County
(Van Sickle Island)

District Office
Reclamation District 1007, San Joaquin
County (Pico and Naglee)

Bruce Pisoni
Reclamation Districts 3 (Grand Island) &
554 (Walnut Grove)

District Office
Reclamation District 1614, San Joaquin
County (Smith Tract)

Richard Johnson
Reclamation Districts 828 (Weber Tract)
& 2039 (Upper Jones Tract)

Alan Coon
Reclamation Districts 2029 (Empire Tract)
& 2044 (King Island)

David A. Forkel
Reclamation District 2026, Contra Costa
County (Webb Tract)

Roger Berry
Reclamation District 150, Yolo County
(Merritt Island)

Everett E. Conway Reclamation District 17, San Joaquin County (Mossdale)	Ed Zuckerman Reclamation District 2030, San Joaquin County (McDonald Island)	District Office Reclamation District 317, Sacramento County (Lower Andrus Island)
Peter G. Dwyer, Jr. Reclamation District 307, Yolo County (Lisbon Island)	Graydon Nichols Reclamation District 2040, San Joaquin County (Victoria Island)	Laureen J. Keen Reclamation District 348, San Joaquin County (New Hope)
Gene Peck Reclamation District 341, Sacramento County (Sherman Island)	H.N. Kuechler, III Reclamation District 2060, Solano County (Hastings Tract)	Clarence Chu Reclamation District 369, Sacramento County (Libby McNeil)
Frederick C. Wheeler Reclamation District 349, Sacramento County (Sutter Island)	Donald Machado Reclamation District 2064, San Joaquin County (River Junction)	Dick Taylor Reclamation District 501, Solano County (Ryer Island)
District Office Reclamation District 407, Sacramento County (Andrus Island)	Mike (Thomas) Hardesty Reclamation District 2068, Solano County (Yolano)	Page Baldwin, Jr. Reclamation District 536, Solano County (Egbert Tract)
John B. Rudquist Reclamation District 524, San Joaquin County (Middle Roberts Island)	Floyd Pedersen Reclamation District 2084, Solano County (Solano)	Lori M. Steward Reclamation District 556, Sacramento County (Upper Andrus Island)
Darrell Ferreira Reclamation District 551, Sacramento County (Pierson District)	Donald G. Lenz Reclamation District 2086, San Joaquin County (Canal Ranch)	Douglas Hemly Reclamation District 755, Sacramento County (Randall Island)
Steve Mello Reclamation District 563, Sacramento County (Tyler Island)	Albert V. Boyce Reclamation District 2094, San Joaquin County (Walthall)	District Office Reclamation District 773, San Joaquin County (Fabian Tract)
Tammy Rodrigues Reclamation District 765, Yolo County (Glide District)	Darrol Elliot Reclamation District 2096, San Joaquin County (Wetherbee Lake)	Jeffrey D. Conway Reclamation District 800 (Byron), Contra Costa County (Byron Tract)
Sonnet C. Rodrigues Reclamation District 799, Contra Costa County (Hotchkiss Tract)	William (Bill) Miller Reclamation District 2104, Solano County (Peters Pocket)	Thomas Herzog Reclamation District 813, Sacramento County (Ehrhardt Club)
Marsha Holmes Reclamation District 800, Sacramento County (Cosumnes)	District Secretary Reclamation District 2110, Sacramento County (McCormack Williamson Tract)	Kenneth Ruzich Reclamation District 900, Yolo County (West Sacramento)
Tom Williams Reclamation District 830, Contra Costa County (Jersey Island)	District Office Reclamation District 2114, San Joaquin County (Rio Blanco Tract)	Lana Mirko Reclamation District 1002, Sacramento County (Glanville Tract)
Lee Laurence Reclamation District 1667, Solano County (Prospect Island)	District Office Reclamation District 2118, San Joaquin County (Little Mandeville Island)	District Office Reclamation District 1601, Sacramento County (Twitchell Island)
Charles A. Dennis Reclamation District 2027, San Joaquin County (Mandeville Island)	Tom Bloomfield Reclamation District 2121, Contra Costa County (Bixler Tract)	Jean Knight Reclamation District 1608, San Joaquin County (Smith Tract)
Ginger L. Hirohata Reclamation District 2033, San Joaquin County (Brack Tract)	District Office Reclamation District 2126, San Joaquin County (Atlas Tract)	David V. Pellegrini Reclamation District 2095, San Joaquin County (Paradise Junction)
Wendy Kelly Reclamation District 2058, San Joaquin County (Pescadero District)	George C. Wilson Reclamation District 2111, Sacramento County (Deadhorse Island)	Gregory Schmid Reclamation District 2098, Solano County (Cache Haas Area)
Glenn Gebhardt Reclamation District 2062, San Joaquin County (Stewart Tract)	John Stovall (Neumiller & Beardslee) Reclamation District 2115, San Joaquin County (Shima Tract)	Stephen DePetro Reclamation District 2108, San Joaquin County (Tinsley Island)

Manuel Rebero
Reclamation District 2067, Sacramento
County (Brannan Island)

Ed Garcia
Reclamation District 2120, Yolo County
(Little Holland)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mike Reeves
Reclamation District 2093, Yolo County
(Liberty Island)

Anthony J. Lopes
Reclamation District 2074, San Joaquin
County (Sargent-Barnhart Tract)

Gary Eames
Reclamation District 2122, Contra Costa
County (Winter Island)

District Office
Reclamation District 2085, San Joaquin
County (Kasson District)
Herum Crabtree Brown

District Secretary
Reclamation District 38, San Joaquin
County (Staten Island)

Water Quality Coalitions

Ryan Broddrick, Director
Sacramento Valley Water Quality
Coalition

Tim Johnson, President-CEO
California Rice Commission

John Brodie, President SJRCD
San Joaquin County and Delta Water
Quality Coalition

Dredging Operations

Richard Aschieris, Port Director
Port of Stockton

Brigadier General John R. McMahon
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
South Pacific Division

Mike Luken, Port Manager
Port of Sacramento

Environmental Organizations

Bill Jennings, Executive Director
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Traci Sheehan, Executive Director
Planning and Conservation League

Kim Delfino, California Program Director
Defenders of Wildlife

Carolee Krieger, President
California Water Impact Network

Kristina Ortez, Policy Associate
Natural Resources Defense Council

Deb Self, Executive Director
BayKeeper

Cynthia Koehler, Senior Attorney
Environmental Defense Fund
California Regional Office

Jim Metropulos, Senior Advocate
Sierra Club California

Other Regional Monitoring Program Efforts

Mike Connor, Executive Director
San Francisco Estuary Institute

Mary Lee Knecht, Executive Director
Sacramento River Watershed Program

CC List – Sent Via E-Mail

State Agencies

Valerie Connor
State Water Board

Jon Marshack
State Water Board

Tom Kimball
State Water Board

Sam Harader
State Water Board, CALFED Water
Quality Program

Jeanne Chilcott
Central Valley Regional Water Board

Bill Marshall
Central Valley Regional Water Board

Jim Marshall
Central Valley Regional Water Board

Joe Karkoski
Central Valley Regional Water Board

Margie Read
Central Valley Regional Water Board

Tom Mumley
San Francisco Bay Regional Water
Board

Will Bruhns
San Francisco Bay Regional Water
Board

Karen Taberski
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board

Chuck Armor
Department of Fish and Game

Perry Herrgesell
Department of Fish and Game

Randy Baxter
Department of Fish and Game

Steve Ford
Department of Water Resources

Rich Breuer
Department of Water Resources

Mark Rentz
Department of Pesticide Regulation

Leah Walker
Department of Public Health

Terry Macaulay
CALFED Water Quality Program

Lauren Hastings
CALFED Science Program

Steve Ritchie
California Coastal Conservancy

Federal Agencies

Kim Webb
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Paul Cadrett
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Roger Fujii
U.S. Geological Survey

Mike Chotkowski
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Ron Silva
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Erwin Van Nieuwenhuysse
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Bruce Herbold
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Carolyn Yale
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Karen Schwinn
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Maria Rea
National Marine Fisheries Service

Bruce Oppenheim
National Marine Fisheries Service

Water Agencies, Districts and Contractors

Lynda Smith
Metropolitan Water District of Southern
California

Frances Brewster
Santa Clara Valley Water District

Wastewater Dischargers

Stan Dean
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation
District

Terry Mitchell
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation
District

Steve Gittings
City of Stockton, Municipal Utilities
Department

Jacque McCall
City of Vacaville, Easterly Wastewater
Treatment Plant

Kris Vickers
City of Brentwood

Stormwater Dischargers

Delia McGrath
City of Sacramento

Water Quality Coalitions

Tina Lunt
Sacramento Valley Water Quality
Coalition

Mike Wackman
San Joaquin County and Delta Water
Quality Coalition

Kevin King
Oakdale Irrigation District

Jim Atherstone
South San Joaquin Irrigation District

Roberta Firoved
California Rice Commission

Dredging Operations

Jeff Kaspar
Port of Stockton

Tom Scheeler
Port of Sacramento

Environmental Organizations

Michael Jackson
California Water Impact Network

**Delta Regional Monitoring Program
Stakeholder Panel Kickoff Meeting**

30 September 2008

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

CVRWQCB Office

11020 Sun Center Drive #200

Rancho Cordova, California 95670

Objective

To gain stakeholder endorsement of and commitment to the Delta Regional Monitoring Program planning effort.

Rationale

Past experience implementing regional monitoring programs and reviewing other programs has shown that a primary challenge is developing consensus around the concept that integrated, collaborative monitoring and assessment can provide greater community benefit than individual, focused plans. Given the Water Boards' mandate for a coordinated approach in the Delta, a meeting of representative stakeholders to achieve "buy-in" and set goals for an integrated process is crucial.

Agenda

Session I – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

This session is to be attended by Executive-level management and their staff designees from agencies and stakeholder groups interested in Delta monitoring.

I. Introductions – **Karen Larsen**

II. Opening Remarks

Pamela Creedon, Executive Officer, Central Valley Regional Water Board

Dorothy Rice, Executive Director, State Water Board

III. Impetus for the Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) Planning Effort

Karen Larsen, Central Valley Regional Water Board

IV. Benefits of Regional Monitoring

Steve Ritchie, Coastal Conservancy

V. Overview of Existing Delta Monitoring Programs

Thomas Jabusch, Aquatic Science Center

VI. Overview of Regional Monitoring Program Models – Compare/Contrast

Brock Bernstein

VII. Facilitated Group Discussion

Brock Bernstein

Desired Outcomes. Identify key issues that will need to be overcome during the Delta RMP planning effort. Gauge stakeholder endorsement of and commitment to this planning effort.

Session II – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Facilitated by **Brock Bernstein**

This session is to be attended by staff designated to participate in the RMP planning effort.

VIII. Summary of Key Issues that Need to be Resolved

IX. Further Develop the Structure and Roles/Responsibilities of the Stakeholder Panel

- Are the Appropriate Stakeholders Represented?
- How will the Composition and Number of Panel Members be Determined?
- What will be Expected of Panel Members?

X. Develop a Strategy, Including Milestones and Deadlines, for the Process Moving Forward

XI. Additional Items

XII. Determine Next Meeting Date

Desired Outcomes. Identify process for determining the composition of the stakeholder panel. Develop a preliminary set of milestones and associated deadlines for the planning process moving forward.

Eight Elements of a Successful Regional Monitoring Program (S. Ritchie)

1. Identify a clear, tractable need. Bite off something good, without biting off more than you can chew.
2. Identify reliable fund sources that can be readily utilized. Make sure the money can reasonably be spent on an ongoing basis.
3. Be prepared to give something in return for the funding. You don't get something for nothing.
4. Be committed at the highest organizational level. Change only occurs when management is visibly obsessed with it.
5. Identify mechanisms to use the findings to make management decision-making more effective. Show how the data will be used.
6. Identify clear mechanisms to assess and integrate the findings to make some summary statements about the system's status and whether it is getting better or worse. Be able to communicate the results to the public.
7. Make the results and processes accessible and transparent. If people can't see it for themselves, they won't trust it.
8. Institute a governance mechanism to ensure the monitoring addresses the highest priorities. Develop priorities and regularly review them, including external review.