



RMP Exposure and Effects Workgroup Meeting

May 16th, 2013

San Francisco Estuary Institute
 First Floor Conference Room
 4911 Central Avenue, Richmond
 10:00am-3:10 pm

Lunch will be provided

DRAFT AGENDA

1.	Introductions and Goals for Today’s Meeting The goals for today: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide updates on San Francisco Bay EEWG activities • Review special study proposal ideas for 2014 	10:00 Meg Sedlak
2.	RMP Planning Overview A brief general overview of the latest on priorities and plans in the RMP, and explanation of how the this meeting fits into the planning process.	10:10 Jay Davis
3.	Update on 2013 Studies: Bioanalytical Tools (Update on Phase I and Plans for Phase II; Attachment) In 2013, the RMP began funding a two-year study to develop bioanalytical tools for evaluating endocrine disrupting compounds. Dr. Denslow will give an update on the project and the plans for the second year of funding.	10:20 Nancy Denslow
4.	Update: 2012/ 2013 plans for the Mesohaline (Update on Phase I and plans for Phase II; Attachment) In 2012, this study standardized the existing taxonomic data bases with benthic data and associated ancillary parameters, chemical contaminant, and sediment toxicity data. It also refined the habitat definitions and conducted a calibration and validation exercise. Plans for 2013 include developing the benthic indices, assure independence of the variables and conduct calibration and validation exercise.	11:10 Eric Stein
5.	Update: 2011/2012 Hotspot Study (Attachment) The RMP conducted a pilot study to re-evaluate two Bay hotspots – Mission Creek and San Leandro Bay. A sediment quality objectives (SQO) assessment was undertaken.	11:40 Ellen Willis-Norton
	LUNCH	12:10



6.	Special Studies for 2014: Impacts of Dredging on Benthic Habitats (Attachment) The dredging community is interested in better understanding the impact of dredging on benthic habitats and potential effects to fish.	12:40 Korie Schaeffer
7.	Special Studies for 2014: Developing a Reference Site for Dredge Materials (Attachment) Prior to disposal of dredged materials in the Bay, the sediment undergoes extensive chemical and toxicity testing. This study would help to define reference conditions in the Bay and a reference site to which Dredgers could compare their samples.	1:10 Rob Lawrence/ Brian Ross
8.	Special Studies for 2014: Understanding Causes of Moderate Toxicity in the Bay (Attachment) In 2012, the RMP and SCCWRP staff convened a workshop to discuss causes of moderate toxicity in the San Francisco Bay. A number of study ideas were hypothesized from this meeting and two possible projects will be discussed.	1:40 Steve Bay/ Brian Anderson
9.	Closed Door Session	2:10
	Wrap up and adjourn	3:10