



## RMP Steering Committee Meeting

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

San Francisco Estuary Institute

First Floor Conference Room

4911 Central Avenue

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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### AGENDA

<b>1.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda and Minutes</b> (Attachment)	10:00 Tom Mumley (Chair)
<b>2.</b>	<b>Information: TRC Meeting Summary</b> (Attachment) At the March meeting, an update was given on the results of dioxin sampling and the sediment hot spots work, a proposal was put forth for margins sampling, and a recommendation for deferring the sediment toxicity and benthic work was made.	10:05 Meg Sedlak
<b>3.</b>	<b>Information: Status of 2013 Budget and Expenditures</b> (Attachment) An update of the 2013 budget will be given.	10:15 Lawrence Leung, Meg Sedlak
<b>4.</b>	<b>Action: Dredger Fees for 2014 to 2016</b> (Attachment) Every three years, the dredger volumes for the top five dredgers are recalculated based on rolling five year averages. The new volumes will be calculated based on years 2009 through 2013 (see attached letter). At this point, we are not proposing a fee increase.  <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Approval of dredger letter with recalculated volumes.	10:35 Lawrence Leung
<b>5.</b>	<b>Information: 2013 Pulse and Annual Meeting</b> An update on the 2013 Pulse and plans for the 2013 joint SOE Conference/RMP Annual Meeting will be provided. Draft articles have been completed and comments have been distributed for review. The Annual Meeting will be on October 29th/30th at the Oakland Marriot. An update will be given on the registration process.	10:55 Jay Davis, Meg Sedlak



6.	<p><b>Action: Pulse Plan for the Next Few Years</b> Options for the annual publication schedule for the Pulse and Pulse Lite over the next few years will be presented for discussion. <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Decide on a publication schedule for Pulse and Pulse Lite</p>	11:20 Jay Davis
	<b>Lunch</b> (to be brought in)	11:45
7.	<p><b>Update: Modeling</b> Based on deliberations with the Modeling Team, staff recommends that we do not directly pursue efforts to develop a Bay-wide mechanistic model for PCBs and other contaminants. RMP mechanistic model development effort would focus on nutrients. Implications for use of RMP funds allocated for modeling will be discussed, along with an update on the status of this work.</p>	12:15 Jay Davis Dave Senn
8.	<p><b>Action: Nutrient Oversight</b> As requested from our January meeting, several options will be presented for the oversight of the nutrient projects.  <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Keep Committee informed on the review process for nutrients.</p>	12:40 Dave Senn
9.	<p><b>Information: Spotlight on a Multi-Year Plan Element - CECs</b> The ECWG met on April 5<sup>th</sup> and made recommendations for 2014 studies. A brief overview of the strategy, highlights from the PBDE summary report, and a preview of ECWG recommendations for studies will be given.</p>	1:25 Rebecca Sutton
10.	<p><b>Action: Revision to the Sediment S&amp;T Element</b> The RMP sponsored a workshop in 2012 on the causes of moderate toxicity. At this point, the causes are not clear and the workshop is recommending that the methods to measure toxicity be re-evaluated. These methods will be evaluated by the Exposure and Effects workgroup in May. We are recommending that the benthic and sediment toxicity portion of the 2014 RMP S&amp;T sampling be placed on hold and these funds be re-directed to studies for improving the characterization of sediment toxicity. <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Decision on whether to place the benthic assessment and toxicity characterization on hold.</p>	1:55 Meg Sedlak
11.	<p><b>Action: Check-in on Guidance to Workgroups from MYP</b> Quick check-in on MYP guidance to workgroups.</p>	2:15 Jay Davis



<b>12.</b>	<b>Information: Deliverables and Workgroup Update (Attachment)</b> An update on the status of deliverables and workgroup activities will be given. Quick check in on need for CFWG meeting.	2:25 Meg Sedlak
<b>13.</b>	<b>Plus/Delta, Set next meeting date and Agenda topics</b> Possible meeting dates are August 6 <sup>th</sup> or 13th. Potential topics are special studies for 2014 and ?	2:45 Thomas Mumley
	<b>Adjourn</b>	3:00