



RMP Technical Review Committee Meeting

March 5th, 2013

San Francisco Estuary Institute

First Floor Conference Room

4911 Central Ave, Richmond

10:00 am - 3:05 pm

1.	Introductions and Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Attachment) Introductions, approval of minutes/ agenda and review of action items.	10:00 Bridgette DeShields
2.	Action: Selection of a Chair Reaffirm existing chair or select a new chair.	10:10 Group
3.	Information: Steering Committee Report (Attachment) The Steering Committee met in January to approve the 2013 budget and multi-year plan, to make recommendations for speakers at the Annual Meeting, and to discuss a mercury workshop for 2013.	10:20 Meg Sedlak
4.	Information: Update on 2013 Pulse and the State of the Estuary Conference/RMP Annual Meeting (Attachments) The outline of the Pulse has been approved and the writing of the articles is well under way. Draft articles will be distributed for review in mid-April. Planning for the joint RMP Annual Meeting and State of the Estuary meeting is also coming along. Keynote speakers have been identified.	10:30 Jay Davis, Meg Sedlak
5.	Information: Update on Dioxin Results An update on the results of the dioxin sampling to date will be provided. The RMP has collected sediment, ambient Bay water and storm water since 2010. In addition, the TRC will need to make a recommendation on how to allocate the 2012 funds (\$21,000 analyses and \$7,300 RMP labor) set aside for dioxin sediment monitoring. RMP staff will make a recommendation that will be proposed in item 5.	10:55 Don Yee
5.5	Information: PCB Synthesis Update Work has been proceeding on the PCB Synthesis. An update will be provided, including a preliminary discussion of what appears to be significant interannual variation in concentrations in surface sediment as measured in S&T sampling.	11:25 Jay Davis
	Lunch Break	11:55

6.	<p>Action: Margins Sampling Proposal (Attachment) The RMP is considering a more widespread characterization of surficial sediment in the shallow water and intertidal areas. Sampling of margin surface sediments has the benefit of building a more spatially complete picture of contaminant distribution and developing a better understanding of food web uptake and impairment.</p> <p>Desired Outcome: TRC decision on whether to pursue this proposal further.</p>	12:25 Don Yee
7.	<p>Information: Hotspots Study The RMP conducted a pilot study in 2011 to re-evaluate two Bay hotspots – Mission Creek and San Leandro Bay. A sediment quality objectives (SQO) assessment was undertaken. A report summarizing the findings of this study will be available in April.</p>	1:10 Ellen Willis-Norton
8.	<p>Decision: RMP S&T Sediment Effects Work (Attachment) 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&T sampling be placed on hold and these funds be re-directed to studies for improving the characterization of sediment toxicity.</p> <p>Desired Outcome: Decision on whether to place the benthic assessment and toxicity characterization on hold.</p>	1:30 Meg Sedlak
9.	<p>Information: Update on Mercury Wetland Workshop (Attachment) The SC has endorsed a 2013 workshop to review information and information needs relating to methylmercury in restored tidal marshes and salt ponds. Planning for the workshop is underway.</p>	2:00 Jay Davis
10.	<p>Information, Discussion: Update on Nutrients (Handout) The RMP is finishing off a draft conceptual model for nutrients. In addition, the team is moving forward with selection of a sensor. A brief update on the status of the nutrients work will be given. In addition, we will need to discuss oversight of the nutrient work.</p>	2:15 David Senn
11.	<p>Information: Update on Workgroups and Scorecard (Attachment)</p>	2:45 Meg Sedlak
12.	<p>Action: Set date for next meeting and Plus/Delta</p>	3:00 Chair
	<p>Adjourn</p>	3:05