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- Meeting Notice -

Delta Science Program Review

California WaterFix Aquatic Science Peer Review

April 5, 2016 – 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST

April 6, 2016 – 2 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST

Park Tower Conference Center
980 Ninth St., Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

PURPOSE

The purpose of the California WaterFix Aquatic Science Peer Review is to provide the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) with an independent scientific evaluation of the methods and approaches for developing the joint Biological Opinion requirements and analyses prepared for the CDFW 2081 (b) Incidental Take Permit application for the California WaterFix.

AGENDA

Order of agenda items and listed times are subject to change

Day 1 (April 5, 2016)

I. Introduction

- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome Remarks – Cliff Dahm (Delta Science Program)
- 9:10 – 9:25 Opening Remarks – Maria Rea (NMFS), Kaylee Allen (USFWS), Carl Wilcox (CDFW)
- 9:25 – 9:40 California WaterFix Project Overview – BG Heiland (DWR)
- 9:40 – 10:15 Biological Opinion/ Section (7) U.S. Endangered Species Act Overview – Jana Affonso (USFWS)/ Erin Strange (NMFS)

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054

10:15 – 10:30 California Endangered Species Act, Fish and Game Code section 2081 (b) Overview – Shannon Little (CDFW)

10:30 – 10:50 Update on current state of consultation process – Kim Turner (USFWSUS)

10:50 – 11:20 Review Panel/ Presenter Q&A

II. Draft Biological Opinion Analytical Approach and Framework

11:20 – 11:50 NMFS Draft Biological Opinion Analytical Approach for Salmonids and Sturgeon – Cathy Marcinkevage (NMFS)

11:50 – 12:15 Review Panel/ Presenter Q&A

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch

III. Supporting Analyses for Target Aquatic Species

1:15 – 2:15 Salmonids and Sturgeon Effects Analyses – Rick Wilder (ICF) /Marin Greenwood ((ICF)

2:15 – 2:45 Delta Smelt Effects Analyses – Marin Greenwood ((ICF)

2:45 – 3:15 Longfin Smelt Analytical Framework and Effects Analysis – Marin Greenwood (–(ICF)

3:15 – 3:35 Review Panel/ Presenter Q&A

3:35 – 3:50 Break

IV. General Presenter/ Review Panel Discussion

3:50 – 4:45 Review Panel/ Presenter Q&A

V. Public Comment

4:45 – 5:00 Public Comment Period

5:00 Adjourn

Day 2 (April 6, 2016)

VI. Presentation of Initial Recommendations from the Review Panel

- 2:00 – 3:00 Presentation of Initial Findings and Recommendations (Review Panel)
- 3:00 – 4:30 Discussion between the Review Panel and Presenters from the Previous Day

VII. Concluding Remarks

- 4:30 – 4:45 Public Comment
- 4:45 – 5:00 Next Steps – Cliff Dahm (Delta Science Program)

5:00 Adjourn

- If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Correa at (916) 445-0092 or lindsay.correa@deltacouncil.ca.gov.
- Members of the public are encouraged to visit the California WaterFix Aquatic Science Peer Review website (http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/central_valley/WaterFix/index.html) for the meeting materials. A limited number of copies of these materials will be available at the meeting.
- Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Sections 11125.7).