



**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Tuesday, August 14, 2012; 10:00 am – noon**

**Cosumnes River Preserve (13501 Franklin Blvd.; Galt, CA 95632)**

Conference Line: 559-546-1200; Meeting ID: 463-443-967#

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**Facilitator:** Stephen McCord, MEI

**Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Diane Beaulaurier	CV RWQCB
Steve Blecker	Delta Science Program
Julianne Clark	DWR
Janis Cooke	RWQCB
Matt Gause	Westervelt Ecological Services
Sally Liu	The Nature Conservancy
Tom Maurer	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Stephen McCord	McCord Environmental
Michael Mosley	US Bureau of Reclamation
Mark Stephenson	CDFG MLML
Tim Stevens	CDFG
Alex Westhoff	Delta Protection Commission
Josh Ackerman	USGS
John Herrick	South Delta Water Agency
John Negrey	CDFG MLML
Colin Moy	EBMUD
Peter Halpin	Caltest
Mariah Garr	CRP-BLM
Kathy Brown	CRP-BLM
<b>On-line:</b>	
Greg Yarris	CVJV-FWS
Scott McReynolds	DWR
Lisa Windham-Myers	USGS
Nirmal Sandhar	SWRCB

**I. Knowledge Base Memo**

- Land use analysis: DU staff were not present. The land and water use survey report is nearly complete. Kevin still needs to complete the appendix on the survey results and

crop summaries. There is some concern that the land use categories as defined in the analysis are not completely consistent with the land uses as defined in the synthesis and management practices reports. Sally will confer with Kevin.

- Science synthesis: The report is completed.
- Management Practices: The report is completed. The final includes photos representative of each land use category. They deleted the initial scoring because that was done separately by the NPS Workgroup.
- The memo is written and has been available for review. It will be submitted as soon as the land use analysis report is completed.

## II. Control Study Outline

This document was formerly referred to as the Concept Proposal, which was confused with the upcoming 319(h) grant proposal. Meeting participants discussed the document and edited it largely as follows:

- Clarified the concern that some MPs would have negative effects on site.
- Clarified that rankings tabulated are for study, not for implementation. The only high-ranking MP that was not high-ranking for study is “Irrigate fields with drip irrigation systems”, which has obvious benefits (no discharge).
- Suggested to rank coagulation lower. It would be relatively expensive and is more likely to have unintended negative consequences. The decision was to leave it as “+” for study but to note that under certain circumstances it may be the only available MP. Also changed the title to “Apply coagulant in treatment ponds adjacent to habitat”
- Recognized that rankings apply specifically to the Delta, and that conditions in other areas may favor applying or testing other MPs.
- Stated that the first step for irrigated ag is characterization (say, on lands where MPs are already being implemented), not to imply that control studies shouldn’t be done.
- Clarified the tables with data that would encourage control studies in certain subareas and on certain land use types.
- Added discussion of needed ancillary study of ecological and financial costs associated with implementing MPs.

Related studies are being done for Open Water (modeling), Flood Control (in the Yolo Bypass), Cache Cr. Settling Basin, New Projects (401 certifications), and tidal wetlands (lower Yolo Bypass).

## III. 319(h) Grant Opportunity

- Planning & implementation grants available to plan for or implement NPS best management practices. Plans are intended to lead to implementation. The Delta MeHg TMDL is a regional priority. With limited funds available statewide, the region should anticipate receiving 1 planning grant and 1 implementation grant. Concept proposals are due 9/13.

- Stephen will submit a proposal by SRWP for another planning grant to continue to facilitate the NPS Workgroup in 2014-2015 as control studies are being done. USGS will have a role in compiling relevant information from past studies.
- Josh will submit a proposal for USGS to do further study at the Cosumnes River Preserve.

## **IV. Wrap-Up**

Next steps:

- Submit CS Workplan Outline & Knowledge Base memo: Fri. Aug. 17
- NPS WG Steering Committee on-line mtg. re 319h grant appl.(s): Sept. 10, 1-3pm
- TAC Review mtg.: Sept. 19-20
- NPS WG Steering Committee on-line mtg. re TAC Comments: Sept 25, 9am-noon (Petra will send out an invite)
- NPS WG in-person mtg. re study sites/MPs, budgets and funding: Tuesday, October 9, 9am-noon, at DWR in West Sacramento.