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- Meeting Notice -

Delta Science Program Event

Bay-Delta Biological Goals Scientific Advisory Panel

March 4, 2019 – 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PST

Coastal Hearing Room – CalEPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

As a courtesy, the meeting will be broadcast live at https://video.calepa.ca.gov. Opportunity for oral public comments will be provided at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted in advance of the meeting and must be received by February 25, 2019. Public comments received through these mechanisms may not receive a response during the meeting.

PURPOSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is in the process of developing and implementing updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) for the reasonable protection of native fish and wildlife, including anadromous and estuarine fish and other aquatic species populations. As part of this process, biological goals are proposed to be developed for assessing the effectiveness of implementation actions in achieving protection of fish and wildlife in order to inform adaptive management and other implementation actions for the Bay-Delta Plan updates.

The biological goals are proposed to be quantitative targets that can be used to assess both the status and trends of representative native fish communities and the functionality of ecosystem processes in the Bay-Delta and its watershed in supporting native aquatic species. State Water Board staff have requested assistance from an Independent Scientific Advisory Panel (Panel) convened by the Delta Science Program to inform the development of the biological goals. The Panel is not expected to create the biological goals themselves; rather, the Panel is requested to provide input and recommendations to the State Water Board on the methods or approaches that should be used to formulate biological goals. The charge to the Panel is available at: http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/public-meetings. Additional information about the State Water Board's update to the Bay-Delta Plan is available at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/.

During this public meeting, the Panel will present its draft written recommendations to the State Water Board staff for employing scientifically defensible methods for formulating biological goals. Public agencies and interested members of the public may request the opportunity to make technical presentations that provide substantive, scientifically-based recommendations for formulating biological goals, in response to the Charge to the Panel, time permitting and with approval from the Delta Science Program Lead Scientist. To arrange for a presentation time, please contact Rachael Klopfenstein at (916) 445-5088 or Rachael.Klopfenstein@deltacouncil.ca.gov by February 18, 2019.

Actual presentation times will depend on the number of requests, and individuals may be asked to organize into panels.

AGENDA

Order of agenda items and listed times are subject to change

Monday, March 4, 2019 – (9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. PST)

I. **Morning Session - 9:30 a.m.**

- Introduction and Welcome Remarks
- Advisory Panel Presentations on Initial Draft Recommendations
- State Water Board Staff Comments on Initial Draft Recommendations

Lunch – 12:00 p.m.

II. Afternoon Session – 1:00 p.m.

- Technical Presentations
- Panel Discussion
- Concluding Discussion
- Public Comment Period

Adjourn – 4:30 p.m.

- To submit written public comments or if you have any questions, please contact Rachael Klopfenstein at (916) 445-5088 or Rachael.Klopfenstein@deltacouncil.ca.gov.
- Members of the public are encouraged to visit the Delta Science Program website 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).
- A quorum of members of the State Water Board may be present at any time during the workshop.