

January 5, 2017

- Meeting Notice -

California WaterFix Aquatic Science Peer Review Phase 2B

January 23, 2017 – 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST
January 24, 2017 – 2 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST

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

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the California WaterFix (CWF) Aquatic Science Peer Review Phase 2B is to provide the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) with an independent scientific evaluation of draft sections of the NMFS' and FWS' BiOps on CWF for all federal Endangered Species Act-listed aquatic species and their critical habitat. The draft BiOps sections include the NMFS' analytical approach and FWS' analytical framework, status of the species and critical habitat, environmental baseline, and effects analysis sections. The review will also provide independent scientific peer review of a proposed approach to establishing Longfin Smelt outflow criteria as modeled in the California Endangered Species Act permit for CWF.

AGENDA

Order of agenda items and listed times are subject to change

Day 1 (January 23, 2017)

I. Introduction

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome Remarks

9:10 – 9:40 Opening Remarks – NMFS, FWS, CDFW

II. NMFS Draft BiOp Sections

9:40 – 11:15 Analytical Approach, Status of the Species/Status of Critical Habitat, Environmental Baseline, Effects of Proposed Action – NMFS

11:15 – 12:00 Review Panel/ Presenter Q&A

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

III. FWS Draft BiOp Sections

1:00 – 2:30 Delta Smelt and its Critical Habitat Analyses: Analytical Framework for the Jeopardy and Adverse Modification Analyses, Status of the Species/Status of Critical Habitat, Environmental Baseline, Effects of the Proposed Action, Project-level Reinitiation Triggers and Programmatic Approach with Subsequent Consultation – FWS

2:30 – 3:15 Review Panel/ Presenter Q&A

3:15 – 3:30 Break

IV. California Endangered Species Act

3:30 – 4:15 Proposed Approach to Establishing Longfin Smelt Outflow Criteria – CDFW

V. General Presenter/ Review Panel Discussion

4:15 – 4:50 Review Panel/ Presenter Q&A

VI. Public Comment

4:50 – 5:00 Public Comment Period

5:00 Adjourn

Day 2 (January 24, 2017)

VII. Presentation of Initial Recommendations from the Review Panel

2:00 – 3:00 Presentation of Initial Findings and Recommendations – Review Panel

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:30 Discussion between the Review Panel and Presenters from the Previous Day

VIII. Concluding Remarks

4:30 – 4:45 Public Comment

4:45 – 5:00 Next Steps

5:00 Adjourn

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- 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 Phase 2B webpage (http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/central_valley/WaterFix/WaterFixReviewBiOp.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).