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CCMP Revision LIVING RESOURCES Subcommittee Meeting #2

Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 10:00-12:30 pm
1515 Clay Street, Room 1411, Oakland, CA

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Arthur Feinstein, Julian Wood, Gordon Becker, David Woodbury, Beth Hunning
Staff: Judy Kelly, Karen McDowell, Caitlin Sweeney

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Meeting #1 Summary

Caitlin Sweeney provided a brief summary of the first Living Resources Subcommittee meeting, including reviewing the working goal the Subcommittee developed. All meeting materials, including past meeting summaries and background information are on the CCMP Revision - Subcommittee Resources Webpage: <http://www.sfestuary.org/ccmprevisionsubcommitteeresources/>

3. Develop Draft Objectives

Karen McDowell described the process that SFEP used to develop the draft objectives for the Subcommittee's consideration then opened up the discussion of the objectives to the Subcommittee.

In general, the Subcommittee members felt that the proposed objectives were generally restatements of the goal, and were not strong or detailed enough. After much discussion, the Subcommittee agreed on the following three new working objectives for Living Resources:

- 1. Conduct scientific research and monitoring to measure status of natural communities, develop and refine management actions, and track progress towards management targets**
- 2. Improve physical conditions and processes supporting self-sustaining natural communities**
- 3. Eliminate or reduce threats to natural communities**

Of note is that the Subcommittee felt that although science-related actions may fall under many objectives, the need for science was so critical (and so easy to marginalize or drop) the Subcommittee agreed to also pull the overarching science framework out as a separate objective (Objective #1).

In addition, the Subcommittee agreed that the term "natural communities" will need to be clearly defined somewhere in the document. Of particular interest to the Subcommittee was the role of nonnative species in the definition of "natural communities." The Subcommittee discussed that the intent of the CCMP is to preserve native species, but recognizes that many nonnatives are here to stay and that depending on the impact of the nonnatives to the natives, it may be appropriate to take action

to ignore, support or eradicate nonnatives. Nonnatives that are threats to native species would be addressed under Objective #3, while nonnatives that are established and are beneficial to desired ecosystem function would be addressed in Objective #2 as part of a “natural community.”

Finally, the Subcommittee also discussed the critical need for the CCMP to include objectives and actions related to public outreach and education on the importance of natural communities.

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4. Next Steps

SFEP staff will send out a meeting summary and doodle poll for the next meeting.

SFEP staff will prepare materials for the next Subcommittee meeting, including providing a proposed definition of “natural communities” based on the Subcommittee discussion, and materials related to potential actions.

Subcommittee members will review the three new objectives and come prepared to the next meeting to refine/finalize the objectives and move towards developing actions. In preparing for a discussion regarding actions, Subcommittee members will think about the other relevant policy documents they are most familiar with and what of those documents needs to be emphasized in the CCMP (and why). The CCMP is an opportunity to think comprehensively and holistically and make those links between the other documents. Subcommittee members will think about what the “game changers” are, what they would most want to accomplish if they could do anything.