IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

November 12, 2025, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Hybrid meeting. Attendance in-person at <u>1010 Riverside Parkway, West</u> Sacramento 95605 in the Garibaldi Conference Room #114



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1. Welcome and introductions (5 min)

Stephanie Fong, IEP, Stephanie.Fong@wildlife.ca.gov

2. **PWT Chairs Updates** (15 min) – Updates from Project Work Team Chairs on activities, including publications, meetings, workshops, and deliverables.

PWT Chairs, as available

3. **IEP Workshop Update** (5 min) – An update on the upcoming 2026 IEP Workshop. Adam Nanninga, USFWS, <u>Adam Nanninga@fws.gov</u>

4. Contra Costa Water District's Efforts against Golden Mussel Impacts (15 min) – CCWD staff will share their efforts on tackling the impacts of golden mussels from multiple aspects, including their monitoring program at CCWD's Delta intakes, their research studies partnering with academia and/or other agencies, their customized vulnerability study, as well as some open research questions that they would hope to address.

Lu Han, Contra Costa Water District, lhan@ccwater.com

5. 2025 Adaptive Management Forum Recap (15 min) – The Delta Science Program hosts the Adaptive Management Forum every two years to increase capacity for adaptive management in the Delta for ecosystem restoration and water management. Held on October 14-15, the 2025 Adaptive Management Forum featured a series of presentations, panel conversations, activities, and a site visit to Lookout Slough to highlight the immense progress that we've made on adaptive management in the Delta and how to keep that momentum going into the future.

Stephen Elser, Delta Stewardship Council, Stephen.Elser@deltacouncil.ca.gov

6. **Annual Update on IEP Synthesis Activities** (15 min) – A summary of current synthesis projects in progress or recently completed by members of the IEP Synthesis Coordination Team, Science Management Team, Project Work Teams, and related groups.

Rosemary Hartman, Rosemary. Hartman@water.ca.gov

7. **Programmatic Updates** (15 min) – Updates from the IEP Program Manager on the draft 2026 IEP Work Plan and Take. Review the draft Work Plan.

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8. **Open Discussion**: (10 min) – This is time for stakeholders who haven't identified a need ahead of time to share what they are working on and request assistance or involvement from IEP, and for IEP staff to ask stakeholders about what they're working on.

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Do you have something you want to share with the group or want more information on a topic at the next meeting? Send a request to iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

2026 IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Group Meeting Schedule

- February 11, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
- May 13, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. 3: 30 p.m.
- August 12, 2026
- November 12, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. (modified date due to Veterans Day)

Recent IEP-Related Publications (Newsletters, Technical Reports, IEP Datasets)

- Data from the <u>Delta Smelt enclosure studies</u> was published on EDI and includes data from seven different studies from 2019-2024.
- The Smelt Larva Survey updated their data package "IEP San Francisco Smelt Larva Survey 2009-2025" on EDI with 2025 data.
- The San Francisco Bay Study uploaded their data package "<u>IEP: San Francisco Bay Study Survey for Fish and Mobile Crustaceans 1980-2024"</u> on EDI.
- UC Davis Suisun Marsh Fish Study updated their data package "UC Davis Suisun Marsh Fish Study, CA, 1980-2024 ver 1." on EDI.
 https://doi.org/10.6073/pasta/8e83d00acabe9754bf87d39f7e18e476.
- New publication: Sadie N Trombley, Linda L Warkentin, Jessica A Jimenez, Aviva Fiske, Amanda J Finger, Serra Perry, Khyana Yearwood, Steven B Slater, James Hobbs, Lauren J Damon, Sarah Brown, Daphne A Gille, Brian M Schreier, Melinda R Baerwald,
 Conserving genetic and morphological potential: Preserving larval fish for downstream analysis, North American Journal of Fisheries Management, Volume 45, Issue 1, February 2025, Pages 103–116, https://doi.org/10.1093/najfmt/vqaf004
- Part 2 of the 2025 State of Bay-Delta Science was published in the San Francisco Estuary and Watershed Science (SFEWS) journal. Articles address wildfires and water quality impacts, atmospheric rivers and floods, and perspectives from the editorial board on how to improve science-informed decision-making under climate uncertainty. Read the information sheet and visit the SBDS website to learn more about this work.

Other Announcements:

• Sixth Biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium December 4, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the California Natural Resources Agency headquarters in Sacramento

- (hybrid event). Theme: Modeling and Managing Invasive Species for Tomorrow's Delta. Attendance is free. Registration is required for in-person and virtual attendance.
- International Fish Passage Conference May 4-8, 2026, at the UC Davis Conference Center. Conference themes focus on restoration, revitalization, remediation, and reintroduction. Call for talk and poster abstracts open November 17, and registration opens December 1. Visit the <u>Fish Passage Conference 2026</u> website for additional information.
- <u>Delta ISB welcomes three new members:</u> Dr. Peter Goodwin, Dr. Cathleen Jones, and Dr. Steve Lindley who were unanimously appointed to five-year terms on the Delta Independent Science Board. <u>Governor Newsom also appointed Ann Patterson and Audrey Cho to the Delta Stewardship Council</u>.

IEP Website, Blogs & Video Links:

- IEP Homepage Home page is updated monthly.
- IEP Subscription page Subscribe to receive updates on IEP activities.
- <u>Science Stories: Adventures in Bay-Delta Data</u> A blog managed by IEP Synthesis Team Lead, Rosemary Hartman
- IEP Playlist on the <u>CDFW YouTube Channel</u> for videos of the annual workshop, and other special events.
- <u>IEP Calendar of Events</u> for upcoming IEP Project Work Team meetings

Career Opportunities

Looking for a new opportunity? Don't forget to check the <u>IEP Career Opportunities</u> page. <u>Subscribe to the Job Opportunities email list</u> to receive announcements directly to your email.