

IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

August 12, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Hybrid meeting. Attendance in-person at [1010 Riverside Parkway, West 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 (10 min) – Chairs will share updates on activities in their PWTs PWT Chairs (as available)

3. IEP Work Planning & Programmatic Updates (5 min)

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

4. One-on-One with PWT Chairs (PWT Chairs only)

This is the annual check-in with PWT Chairs and the IEP Program Manager. This check-in will be an opportunity for chairs to discuss their team and any specific challenges being encountered. We kindly prefer PWT Chairs attend in person.

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

- November 12*, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (*Thursday due to Veterans Day)

Recent IEP-Related Publications

- *Coming soon:* "Mass mortality of aquatic organisms in the San Francisco Estuary – using community science to document the impacts of a severe harmful algal bloom":
<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/marine-science/articles/10.3389/fmars.2026.1893110/abstract>
- He M, Sandhu P. 2026. Machine Learning for Water and Environmental Modeling in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta of California: A 30-Year Retrospective and Future Prospects. *Water*. 18(14): 1763. Available from: <https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/18/14/1763>

- Rigby CR, Gaeta JW. 2026. Evaluating Patterns of Juvenile Chinook Salmon Out-Migration During Pulse Flow Events in California's Sacramento River to Inform Operations of a Newly Proposed Water Infrastructure Project. River Research and Applications. n/a(n/a). <https://doi.org/10.1002/rra.70155>
- Riggio J, Fradet DT, Kindel AS, Mah M, Zumdahl KA, Ferrell M, Engilis A. 2026. Rapid responses of marsh birds to large-scale tidal wetland restoration in California's Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta. Rest Ecol. n/a(n/a): e70453. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.70453>
- Platzer E, Phillips K, O'Rear T, Durand J. 2026. Silverside gold mine? Restored tidal habitats host abundant invasive fishes in a novel California marsh (U.S.A.). Rest Ecol. n/a(n/a): e70452. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.70452>
- Merz JE, Dean C, Flores B, Karpenko K, Ross K, Veary A. 2026. Multitrophic responses to tidal marsh restoration: early effects of channel configuration on water quality, aquatic food web structure, and fish communities. Rest Ecol. n/a(n/a): e70422. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.70422>
- Williams Duman L, Holst M, Platzer E, Phillips K, Durand J. 2026. Fish assemblage at a newly restored tidal wetland reflects surrounding waterways in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Rest Ecol. n/a(n/a): e70414. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.70414>
- Finger AJ, LaCava MEF, Carson EW, Hobbs JA, Hung T-C, Nobriga ML, Polansky L, Waples RS. 2026. Lag in Effective Population Size Decline Amid Demographic Collapse: A Case Study of the Delta Smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*). Molecular Ecology. 35(10): e70410. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mec.70410>
- Stinson SA, Baerwald MR, Yamahara K, Scherer A, Karpenko Y, Dean C, Espe MB, Schumer G, Brown S, Schreier B et al. 2026. Locating Little Larvae: Environmental DNA Methods Can Detect a Rare Fish Species Under Field Estuarine Conditions. Environmental DNA. 8(2): e70287. <https://doi.org/10.1002/edn3.70287>

Other Announcements:

- [Bay-Delta Science Conference](#) is this fall on **September 28-30, 2026**. Registration is open! Early bird registration ends **August 24**, and all registration closes **September 14**.
- 2027 IEP Workshop planning will starting in the fall. If you'd like to participate on the planning committee, please email iep@wildlife.ca.gov to be added to the participant list.

IEP Website, Blogs & Video Links:

- [IEP Homepage](#) – Home page is updated monthly.
- [IEP Subscription page](#) – Subscribe to receive updates on IEP activities.
- [Science Stories: Adventures in Bay-Delta Data](#) – A blog managed by IEP Synthesis Team Lead, Rosemary Hartman

- IEP Playlist on [CDFW YouTube Channel](#) - videos of the workshop and other events.
- [IEP Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming IEP Project Work Team meetings

Career Opportunities

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