

IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

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

Hybrid meeting. Attendance in-person at [1010 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento 95605](#) in the Golden Trout Conference Room #186



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1. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 min)
Stephanie Fong, IEP, Stephanie.Fong@wildlife.ca.gov
2. **PWT Chairs Updates** (10 min)
PWT Chairs (as available)
3. **Sacramento/Delta update to the Bay-Delta Plan** (15 min) – The State Water Board released final draft Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan on August 19, 2026, and an agenda for a Board meeting to consider adopting those amendments on October 16, 2026. This presentation will provide an update on this effort.
Sam Bashevkin, State Water Board, Sam.Bashevkin@waterboards.ca.gov
Erin Foresman, State Water Board, Erin.Foresman@waterboards.ca.gov
4. **Delta Smelt aquaculture projects** (15 min) – Update on Metropolitan Water District’s Delta Smelt aquaculture projects.
Shawn Acuña, Metropolitan Water District, SAcuna@mwdh2o.com
5. **Treasure of the Benthos – Investigating microphytobenthos assemblages in the Sacramento River** (15 min) – Presentation on a study investigating the deposition, growth, and microalgal biomass in the Sacramento River.
Tim Mussen, Sacramento Area Sewer District, mussent@sacsewer.com
6. **2027 IEP Workshop** (15 min) – Update on the upcoming 2027 IEP Annual workshop
Tim Malinich, CDFW, Timothy.Malinich@wildlife.ca.gov
7. **Delta Stewardship Council and Delta Science Program updates** (15 min) – Updates from the Delta Stewardship Council, including key outcomes from the 2026 Bay-Delta Science Conference, highlights from the recently released 2026 Delta Science Plan, progress on funded research projects, the upcoming request for the 2028 Delta Science Fellows Program and opportunities to contribute to a progress summary for the Science Action Agenda.
Maggie Christman, DSC, Maggie.Christman@deltacouncil.ca.gov
Dylan Stern, DSC, Dylan.Stern@deltacouncil.ca.gov
8. **IEP Work Planning & Programmatic Updates** (15 min) – Update on the [DRAFT 2027 IEP Annual Work Plan](#) and other IEP programmatic activities.

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

9. **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 are working on.

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.

2027 IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Group Meeting Schedule

- February 10, 2027 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Golden Trout Conference Rm #186
- May 12, 2027 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Garibaldi Conference Rm #114
- August 11, 2027 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Garibaldi Conference Rm #114
- November 10, 2027 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Conference Room TBD

Recent IEP-Related Publications and Datasets

- Khanna, S., Gaeta, J.W., Hoffman, K. et al. [Multi-Year Regional-Scale Efficacy Assessment of Two Herbicides for Treatment of Invasive Floating Aquatic Vegetation in a California Estuary](#). Environmental Management 76, 326 (2026).
- Hobbs JA, Sellheim K, Sweeney JK, Stompe DK, Kelly JT, Ervin J, Willmes M, Rosenfield JA, Wren I, Mevoli A, Senn DB, Odkins K, Rinde J, Tighe D and Lewis LS (2026) Mass mortality of aquatic organisms in the San Francisco Estuary – using community science to document the impacts of a severe harmful algal bloom. Front. Mar. Sci. 13:1893110. [doi: 10.3389/fmars.2026.1893110](https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2026.1893110)
- Regional Studies of Algal Blooms, Delta Smelt Habitat, Hydrodynamic Conditions for Chinook Juveniles, Adaptation of Rainbow Trout, and Considerations for Long-Term Monitoring Programs are included in the recent issue of the [San Francisco Estuary & Watershed Science, Volume, 24, Issue 3, September 2026](#).
- Deltafish and long-term monitoring report data for the [“Fish abundance in the San Francisco Estuary \(1959-2026\), an integration of 10 monitoring surveys”](#) has been updated on EDI through the end of 2025.

Other Announcements:

- **2027 IEP Workshop is scheduled for March 2-4, 2027** at the California Natural Resources Agency headquarters building (Sacramento). [Subscribe](#) to the IEP Annual Workshop email list to get the latest information or visit the [IEP Annual Workshop](#) page for information.
- **Delta Science Program** released the [2026 Research Impact Report](#). This report highlights the initial science and management impacts of the Delta Science Program's 2019 Delta Research Awards and 2020 Delta Science Fellowships.

- The **Delta Stewardship Council** completed the third iteration of the [Delta Science Plan](#). The 2026 Delta Science Plan offers 24 Actions and 8 Resources structured around the 4 Grand Challenges facing the Delta. The Delta Science Plan is an element of the three-part [Delta Science Strategy](#).
- The [State Water Resources Control Board \(SWRCB\)](#) released the final proposed amendments to the [San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed \(Bay-Delta Plan\)](#). The SWRCB will consider adopting the Bay-Delta Plan at a public hearing on October 28 and 29.

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

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