

# *Meeting Minutes*

## *Environmental Enhancement Committee Meeting*

1330 Broadway, 13th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612

11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

January 13, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/EnvironmentalEnhancement.asp>

Public comments were to be accepted but no members of the public attended or have commented.

The meeting began at 10:06 AM. In attendance were the three Environmental Enhancement Committee (EEC) members, Scott Schaefer, Sam Schuchat, and Stephanie Tom Coupe, as well as Steve Sawyer, Julie Yamamoto, Cassandra White, and Bruce Joab from DFG-OSPR.

The amount available for award in fiscal year 2012-2013 was discussed, and was reported to be \$283,186. Bruce Joab did a very short briefing on where we are in the Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF) process.

Stephanie Tom Coupe requested and the other committee members agreed that in the future, the second statutory criteria should be included in the technical review committee (TRC) score sheets, making it item #12 in the TRC evaluation criteria. The second statutory criteria in the law reads "(2) Has measurable outcomes within a predetermined timeframe."

Bruce Joab presented a slide summary of the top ten ranked proposals, as rated by the TRC.

The EEC noted for the record that the large amount of staff effort to bring this information together for them was appreciated.

A unanimous vote by the EEC occurred, and indicated that the following two projects would be funded as follows:

- \$187,706 of FY 2012-2013 money to the 'McDaniel Slough Tidal Restoration' application, proposal EEF11-028, submitted by the City of Arcata. The remainder of their request for \$250,000 will be funded, pending availability, in the following fiscal year (\$62,294).
- \$95,480 of FY 2012-2013 money to the 'Pioneering an innovative adaptive management approach to native oyster restoration at Elkhorn Slough' application, EEF11-002, submitted by the Elkhorn Slough Foundation.

The EEC wishes to inform State Parks that if they reduce the staff benefit rate, which currently is 85%, they would be more competitive for this grant.

Moving forward it was discussed that we would do the grants for the two awardees, and run the grant proposal process again for the amount of unallocated money from the EEF program for fiscal year 2013-2014 (\$62,294 is already allocated from the EEF, pending availability, for the City of Arcata for McDaniel Slough). The EEC identified the need to explore mechanisms to allow

for a larger amount of the EEF to be awarded annually. Stephanie Tom Coupe suggested that Department of Fish and Game regional and headquarters staff be invited to participate on the TRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.