

USDA-ARS Areawide Pest Management Project:
“Area-Wide Management of Aquatic Weeds in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for Protection of Critical Water Resources in Farming Areas, Wildlife Habitats, Recreational and Commercial Navigation Areas and Water Conveyance Systems Important for California Agriculture and Human Health”

Project Progress Meeting

Friday, August 28th, 2015

**Robert J. Cabral Agricultural Building, Assembly Room 1, San Joaquin Agricultural Center
2101 E. Earhart Ave., Ste 100, Stockton, CA 95206**

AGENDA

- 8:30 AM** Arrive, coffee and donuts
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome and Introductions** (Patrick Moran, Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS). Patrick will ask PIs on project to stand when their names are called. Patrick will then call out names of agencies/groups that have RSVPd and invite them to stand. He will then call out different types of stakeholder groups that might be represented, and ask them to stand.
- 9:10 AM** **Background:** How We Got Started-Delta Aquatic Weed Crisis (Larry Ruhstaller, former supervisor, San Joaquin County).
- 9:15 AM** **Background:** The USDA-Agricultural Research Service Areawide Pest Management Program (Rosalind James, USDA-ARS National Program Leader for Invasive Pests).
- 9:20 AM** **Overview:** The USDA-ARS Areawide Project for Integrated, Adaptive Control of Aquatic Weeds in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Patrick Moran).
- 9:30 AM** **Project Component: Remote Sensing-Where Are The Weeds?** (Chris Potter, Senior Scientist, NASA-Ames Research Center).
- 9:40 AM** **Project Component: Weed Control Tools-The How, When, and Where of Aquatic Weed Control in the Delta** (John Madsen, Research Plant Biologist, USDA-ARS).
- 9:50 AM** **Project Component: Water Nutrients and Models-The Use of Models to Predict and Prioritize Targeting of Aquatic Weed Infestations for Control** (David Bubenheim, Senior Scientist, NASA-Ames Research Center).
- 10:00 AM** **Project Component: Implementation- A New Paradigm of Adaptive Aquatic Weed Management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta** (Edward Hard, Branch Chief, Invasive Species Control Programs, Division of Boating and Waterways, California Dept. of Parks and Recreation)
- 10:15 AM** **Project Component: Outreach-How We'll Keep You Informed** (Paul D. Pratt, Research Entomologist, USDA-ARS and Joe DiTomaso, Professor and UC Cooperative Extension Specialist, University of California-Davis).

10:20 AM **Break** (Distribute, or call to their attention if already distributed, question/outreach content survey cards. Ask to return to box at coffee table by end of the break. Cards will have an area to ask a question, and also a survey question with checkmarks asking about desired website content)

(At end of break, John Madsen, Dave Bubenheim, and Ed Hard will collect cards and select questions to be answered. Give selected cards to Patrick no later than 11:30 AM.)

10:40 AM **Value-Added Benefits of the Areawide Project** (moderated by Patrick Moran) (7 minutes each)

-**New Knowledge** on Weed-Mosquito Interactions to Improve Mosquito Control in Areas of Public Health Concern (Sharon Lawler, Professor, Department of Entomology, UC-Davis)

-**An Economic Model** to Document the Control Costs and Damage Caused by Aquatic Weeds and To Predict Areawide Project Benefits (Karen Jetter, Research Economist, University of California-Davis, Agricultural Issues Center)

10:55 AM **Agency Updates Related to the Delta Areawide Aquatic Weed Control Project Main Objective to Protect Water Resources, Recreational Boating, Commercial Navigation, Agriculture, and Natural Ecosystems in the Delta** (moderated by Patrick Moran)

-Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy-Campbell Ingram, Executive Director-**Confirmed**

-US. Bureau of Reclamation-Carl Dealy, Project Managers, South Central CA Area Office, Tracy Office-**Confirmed**

-California Department of Water Resources-Tanya Veldhuizen, Senior Environmental Scientist-**Confirmed**

-Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board-Chris Foe or Christine Joab, Manager-**Confirmed**

-California Department of Parks and Recreation, Chris Conlin, Director, Division of Boating and Waterways-**Confirmed**

-California Department of Food and Agriculture-Mike Pitcairn Ph. D., Senior Environmental Scientist, Division of Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services-**Confirmed**

-California Department of Fish and Wildlife-Brooke Jacobs, Senior Environmental Scientist, Water Branch-**Confirmed**

-Delta Stewardship Council-Megan Brooks?

-Contra Costa County Agricultural Commissioner-Chad Godoy, Commissioner?

-San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner-Kamaljit Bagri, Assistant Commissioner-**Confirmed**

-Offices of Contra Costa and San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors-Lea Castleberry-**Confirmed**

-Office of CA State Assemblyman Jim Frazier-Erica Rodriguez-Langley?

-Office of CA State Senator Kathleen Galgiani-Marian Norris, Senior Field Representative-**Confirmed**

-Office of U.S. Congressman Jerry McNerney-Gary Prost-**Confirmed**

- Office of U.S. Congressman John Garamendi-Brandon Minto?
- Jeff Wingfield, Director, Public Affairs, Port of Stockton?
- Bill Wells, Executive Director, California Delta Chambers and Visitors Bureau-**Confirmed**
- Walt Vance, Recreational Boaters of California, Delta Chair and RBOC Director
-**Confirmed**
- Gary Rogers, Director, Delta Weed Watch-**Confirmed**
- Marty Meisler, Ph. D., Senior Environmental Specialist, Bay-Delta Initiatives,
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California-**Confirmed**

Patrick thanks stakeholders for their comments, they may return to their seats.

Patrick asks all of Areawide Project Team members to come to the front (all of the speakers from the morning, AND at least one rep from each of the MVCDS). Stand near podium and be ready to help answer questions.

11:40 AM Questions from the Delta Areawide Stakeholder Community and Answers from Areawide Project Team (Patrick Moran reads selected cards and either answers or refers to another member of the Areawide Project Team to answer.

12:15 PM End of Meeting