CALFED Science Program Workshop

Ecosystem Restoration at the Landscape Scale: The North Delta and Suisun Marsh

November 18-19, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Delta Room
650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA  95814

This workshop will not be webcast.

Purpose

The purpose of this two-day workshop is to provide information and guidance for large-scale ecosystem restoration planning efforts in the North Delta and Suisun Marsh by soliciting input from a panel of outside experts familiar with large-scale river floodplain and estuarine restoration elsewhere within the United States. The workshop will bring together local scientists involved with the planning, implementation, evaluation, and management of large-scale restoration efforts with external experts familiar with large-scale restoration and landscape ecology. There are four primary objectives for the workshop:

1) discuss expectations for outcomes from large-scale restoration projects designed to provide habitats and conditions that assist putting listed aquatic species on pathways to recovery,

2) provide a shared understanding of the knowledge base and restoration principles for large-scale restoration projects locally and nationally,

3) identify and prioritize key questions and uncertainties that underpin large-scale restoration projects, and

4) consider strategies for addressing these questions and uncertainties through implementing critical research combined with development of a robust evaluation program for local large-scale restoration projects.

Workshop Products

The panel of experts will produce an advisory report within a month of the workshop that highlights principles for large-scale restoration, key questions and uncertainties to be considered going forward, approaches for addressing those uncertainties, and guidance on an effective monitoring and evaluation program for large-scale restoration projects. The presentations from the workshop will be posted on the CALFED Science Program website along with the agenda and a brief summary of the information conveyed and discussed throughout the workshop.
Expert Panel Members

Dr. Nick Aumen - Everglades National Park
Dr. John Wiens - Chief Scientist PRBO Conservation Science
Dr. John Teal - Delaware Bay Salt Marsh Restoration
Dr. Karen Rodriguez - US EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Agenda

Order of agenda items and listed times are subject to change.

Wednesday Nov. 18
9:00 a.m.  1. Introduction to the Workshop – Cliff Dahm, CALFED Lead Scientist
          2. Local presentations
          3. Discussion with panel

12:00 p.m. 4. Lunch

1:00 p.m.  5. Panelist presentations
          • The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
          • The National River Restoration Science Synthesis and the Kissimmee River Restoration Project
          6. Discussion
          7. Public comment

5:00 p.m.  8. Adjourn

Thursday Nov. 19
9:00 a.m.  1. Day one overview - Cliff Dahm, CALFED Lead Scientist
          2. Panelist presentations
          • The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan
          • The Delaware Bay Salt Marsh Restoration Project
          3. Local presentations
          4. Discussion with panel

12:30 p.m. 5. Lunch

1:45 p.m.  6. Facilitated discussion with workshop attendees

7. Panel feedback and discussion with panel

5:00 p.m.  9. Adjourn

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