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IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

August 13, 2025, 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** (20 min) – Chairs will provide an update on their Project Work Team activities highlighting current activities and tasks that will be worked on this year. Share information on publications, upcoming meetings, workshops, and any deliverables.

PWT Chairs, as available

3. **IEP Workshop** (5 min) – Adam Nanninga (Organizing Chair) will provide a brief report out on the current planning activities for the 2026 IEP Workshop.

Adam Nanninga, USFWS, Adam_Nanninga@fws.gov

4. **Lessons learned from the North Delta Food Subsidies project** (20 min) – Principal Investigator, Eric Holmes, will present on the lessons learned from the IEP Program Element Number (PEN-281) North Delta Flow Action: Role of Improved Yolo Bypass Flows in the Delta Food Web.

Eric Holmes, DWR, Eric.Holmes@water.ca.gov

5. **LFS in the SFE: new observations regarding the life cycle and captive culture of Longfin Smelt** (30 min) – Principal Investigator, Levi Lewis, will present on IEP Program Element Number (PEN-296) Investigations of the Distribution and Abundance of Longfin Smelt in the SFE.

Levi Lewis, UC Davis, lewis.sci@gmail.com

6. **Discussion on Programmatic Services** (20 min) – Updates from the IEP Program Manager on the status of the draft 2026 IEP Work Plan, Take, and program direction.

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7. **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're working on.

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Do you have something you want to share with the group? Do you want more information on a topic at the next meeting? Send a request to iep@wildlife.ca.gov.

2025 IEP PWT Chair & Stakeholder Group Meeting Schedule

- November 12, 2025 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Recent IEP-Related Publications (Newsletters, Technical Reports, IEP Datasets)

- The Environmental Monitoring Program's Continuous Water Quality program has published their QAQC'd data "[Sacramento-San Joaquin Ba-Delta Continuous \(15 Minute\) water quality monitoring data collected by the Continuous Environmental Monitoring Program, DWR, 2005- ongoing](#)" to EDI.
- The Fall Midwater Trawl Survey published their dataset "[Interagency Ecological Program: Fish catch and associated water quality for the FMWT Survey, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, 1967-2024](#)" to EDI.
- The Fish Restoration Program updated their data package "[Tidal Wetlands Monitoring in Upper San Francisco Estuary 2015-ongoing](#)" to EDI.

Other Announcements:

- In May 2024, CDFW began a new survey program to monitor white sturgeon in California. Results from the monitoring surveys suggest the white sturgeon population has continued to decline. Read the [full sturgeon survey report](#). | [News Release](#).
- The [Delta Science Program will award \\$5.9 million to fund eight critical scientific studies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh](#) over the next three years. The State Water Contractors will fund two studies that support recovery efforts for endangered fish in the Delta, bringing the total awards to \$7.8 million. [Research Awards](#).
- San Francisco Estuary Institute's new report "[A Marsh Transformed: Historical Ecology and Landscape Change in Suisun Marsh](#)" as well as a notebook feature "[Suisun Marsh, a zone of potential in sinking ecosystem](#)" in Maven's Notebook website.
- The Delta Independent Science Board is hosting a two-day symposium "**Emerging Climate Science Symposium**" **September 16-17, 2025 at the UC Davis Putah Creek Lodge**. Attendance is free. Registration is now open. **Register to attend [in person](#) or [virtually](#)**. More info can be found in the [prospectus](#) and the [save-the-date flyer](#).
- The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's **2025 San Francisco Bay Estuary Conservation Fund Request for Proposals is open. Full proposals are due September 22, 2025 by 2:00 p.m.** The grant award range is \$10k-\$500k with no requirement for matching contributions. Review the [Request for Proposals flyer \(PDF\)](#) for more info.
- The California Department of Water Resources is hosting an inaugural **Water Resources Science Symposium** on **September 23, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the California Natural Resources Agency Auditorium**. The purpose is to share knowledge



and foster collaboration across the water resources community.

Attendance is free, but registration is required. [Save the Date flyer \(PDF\)](#).

- [Delta Science Plan 2025 Adaptive Management Forum](#) **October 14-15, 2025** at the California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters in Sacramento (hybrid event). Presenters and panelists will share lessons and insights from all stages of the adaptive management cycle to showcase success, gaps, and future needs. Registration is coming soon.
- **Sixth Biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium December 4, 2025** at the California Natural Resources Agency headquarters in Sacramento (hybrid event). The theme is Modeling and Managing Invasive Species for Tomorrow's Delta. [Learn More](#). Abstracts for 5-min lightning talks due by 11:59 p.m. on August 29, 2025 | [Submission Form](#). Registration will open in the fall.

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

Career Opportunities

If you are looking for a new opportunity, don't forget to check out the [IEP Career Opportunities](#) page. [Subscribing to the Job Opportunities listserv](#) will deliver new job announcements directly to your email.