

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

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| 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 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. Day one overview - Cliff Dahm, CALFED Lead Scientist |
| | 2. Panelist presentations |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
| | 8. Public comment |
| 5:00 p.m. | 9. Adjourn |

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