



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF STANISLAUS, TUOLUMNE, AND MERCED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Regarding the Revised Draft Initial Biological Goals

November 21, 2022
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Remote Participation Only

And

December 7, 2022
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Remote Participation Only

[Registration Form](#)

Notice is hereby given that State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will hold two Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced (STM) Working Group meetings to discuss the revised draft initial biological goals for fall-run Chinook salmon in the lower San Joaquin River and its three salmon-bearing tributaries, the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers (collectively "LSJR") developed pursuant to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan or Plan), as amended on December 12, 2018.

Purpose

The Bay-Delta Plan requires that the State Water Board seek recommendations from the STM Working Group on the biological goals for Lower San Joaquin River flow requirements. These meetings will be topic-specific technical dialogs to discuss the revised draft initial biological goals, including the metrics, available data, achievability, STM Working Group membership feedback, and other topics. The revised draft initial Biological Goals report is available at this link:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/docs/biological_goals/draft-biological-goals-06242022-hard-tracks.pdf

General Meeting Information

These will be virtual meetings with brief presentations from State Water Board staff followed by discussions on specific topics. The first meeting will be focused on the proposed abundance and diversity biological goals, and the second meeting will focus on productivity and spatial structure. Meeting agendas will be provided in early November.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STM Working Group members and other interested persons that would like to attend the STM Working Group meetings are required to register for each meeting. The invitation and virtual meeting link will be sent to registered participants. Please register for the meetings via the [Registration Form](#) by November 9, 2022.

A quorum of the State Water Board members may attend the meeting.

Additional Resources

For more information regarding the Bay-Delta Plan implementation, STM Working Group, or biological goals, please visit the [Implementation Activities for Lower San Joaquin River Flows webpage](#). Please contact STM-workinggroup@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact staff at STM-workinggroup@waterboards.ca.gov prior to the workshop.