

Delta Independent Science Board Educational Briefing Questionnaire

Please provide short written responses to the following:

1. Program Title: Regional Monitoring Program
2. Lead Agency/Department for Program: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
3. Brief Description of Program: Concerns with contaminants related to the decline of pelagic organisms in the Delta, wastewater treatment plant discharges, agricultural discharges, pesticides, blue-green algae toxicity, and unknown toxicity events all highlight the need for well-coordinated contaminants monitoring. The RMP will create a system that integrates contaminants monitoring from all Water Board programs (and possibly external efforts) into existing monitoring efforts whereby all data are synthesized and assessed on a regular basis.
4. Purpose and Objectives of Program: Develop a Regional Monitoring Program that coordinates monitoring and assessment of data collected in the Delta.
5. Timeline for Program Objectives: three to five years
6. Current Status of Program: Ongoing and active
7. Contact Information for Lead Staff of this Program:

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8. Associated Total Annual Budget for Program: ~\$100,000 all Water Board funding for this expires 3/31/12
9. URL, if a Website is Available:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/delta_water_quality/comprehensive_monitoring_program/index.shtml
10. How does adaptive management play a role in your program? The plan is that adaptive management would play a major role in the Delta RMP. Stakeholders have indicated desire for an RMP with regular monitoring sites, but when issues arise, special studies funding would be directed toward researching that issue. A third prong to the RMP might be used for regional assessments of region-specific issues. These would all work together to ensure that "intelligent" monitoring was performed and produced useful information with purpose.
11. Any additional information that would be helpful to understand the program: This is a stakeholder-driven program and is supplemented by a contract from US EPA to Aquatic Science Center.