

## Lead Scientist's Report

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**Summary:** This report presents five items, 1) recent science community meetings, 2) an update on the 2012 Delta Science Fellows Program, 3) the upcoming Delta Science Program's Independent Science Panel Review – Phase 2 of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis, 4) the Delta Science Program's initial steps toward defining a process for developing a Delta Science Plan, and 5) the status of the Delta Independent Science Board vacancy.

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### **Recent Science Community Meetings**

- **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference** held in Davis, California on April 4-7, 2012. For more information please visit the conference web page: <http://www.calsalmon.org/conference/30th-annual-salmonid-restoration-conference>
- **California Water and Ecosystem Monitoring Forum (CWEMF) Annual Meeting/ Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) Annual Workshop** CWEMF (April 16-18) and the IEP (April 18-20) jointly hosted oral and poster presentations on April 18, 2012 as a part of their annual meetings at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, California. For more information please visit the meeting/workshop web pages:  
CWEMF Annual Meeting: <http://cwemf.org/Activities/annualmtg.htm>  
IEP Annual Workshop: <http://www.water.ca.gov/iep/activities/workshop.cfm>

### **Update on the 2012 Delta Science Fellows Program**

The Delta Science Fellows Program brings together young scientists, agency scientists and senior research mentors in collaborative data analysis and research projects. The 2012 Request for Applications (RFA) was released on April 9, 2012. The application deadline is June 4, 2012. The selection of fellows will take place during spring-summer 2012, with awards to selected fellows available in fall 2012. To access the RFA please visit: [http://www-csgc.ucsd.edu/EDUCATION/DELTA/DeltaFellow\\_RFA2012-13.html](http://www-csgc.ucsd.edu/EDUCATION/DELTA/DeltaFellow_RFA2012-13.html)

### **Independent Science Panel Review of the BDCP Effects Analysis– Phase 2**

The Delta Science Program is coordinating a multi-phase independent science panel review of the Draft BDCP Effects Analysis chapter and associated technical appendices. The second phase of the review will be initiated on April 30 – May 1, 2012 and will cover the draft BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis and associated technical appendices. More information on the BDCP Effects Analysis Review – Phase 2 is available on the Delta Science Program's web page: <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-program>

### **Development of a Delta Science Plan**

The Fifth Staff Draft of the Delta Plan calls on the Delta Science Program to develop a comprehensive science plan for the Delta. The Delta Science Program is in its initial stages of designing a process for developing a Delta Science Plan. In doing so, the Delta Science Program is soliciting and collecting examples of major science plans and relevant science reviews to inform its design of a process and approach for developing the Delta Science Plan. The Delta Science Program is interested in hearing from agencies and institutions on how to most efficiently and effectively engage those entities in the process for developing the Delta Science Plan. The Delta Science Program will provide updates to the Council on the process and framework for the Science Plan.

### **Status of the Delta Independent Science Board Vacancy**

Following direction from the Council at its March meeting, the Delta Science Program is assisting the Council in its recruitment to fill one vacancy on the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB). The Delta Lead Scientist is leading the recruitment for a nationally or internationally prominent scientist/engineer, consistent with the criteria for a Delta ISB member as specified in the Delta Reform Act (Water Code Section 85280). As directed by the Council and Delta ISB, the recruitment will target world class scientists/engineers with appropriate expertise in the areas of risk, hydrological modeling, engineering (water resources and/or levee stability), and/or water quality. The Lead Scientist's open search and recruitment for an expert to fill the Delta ISB vacancy will begin shortly and extend through June 4, 2012. It is expected that the Lead Scientist's recommendation to the Council for its appointment of a new Delta ISB member will occur at the June or July 2012 Council meeting.

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