

Update on Interim Science Action Agenda

Delta Stewardship Council Meeting
May 30, 2014

Today's Presentation

Purpose: Update the Council on the development of the Interim Science Action Agenda

Outline

1. Outcomes from the Interim Science Action Agenda Workshop
2. Highlight key community recommendations that are shaping the Interim Science Action Agenda
3. Next steps

What is the Interim Science Action Agenda?

- Shared agenda of **near-term common priority science actions** (2-year time frame)
- Identification of **synergies and gaps** in science activities to inform policy and management
- Achieve the vision of ***One Delta, One Science***
- Facilitate **leveraging resources** and **guiding science funding decisions**
- **Accelerate learning**

Overview of the Initial Approach

Step 1: Identify science needs, questions, and actions in existing plans and documents.



Step 2: Synthesize science needs, questions, and actions. Identify synergies and gaps.



Step 3: Use the list of priorities to inform and coordinate science work plans across the Delta and build our science community.

Workshop - May 6, 2014

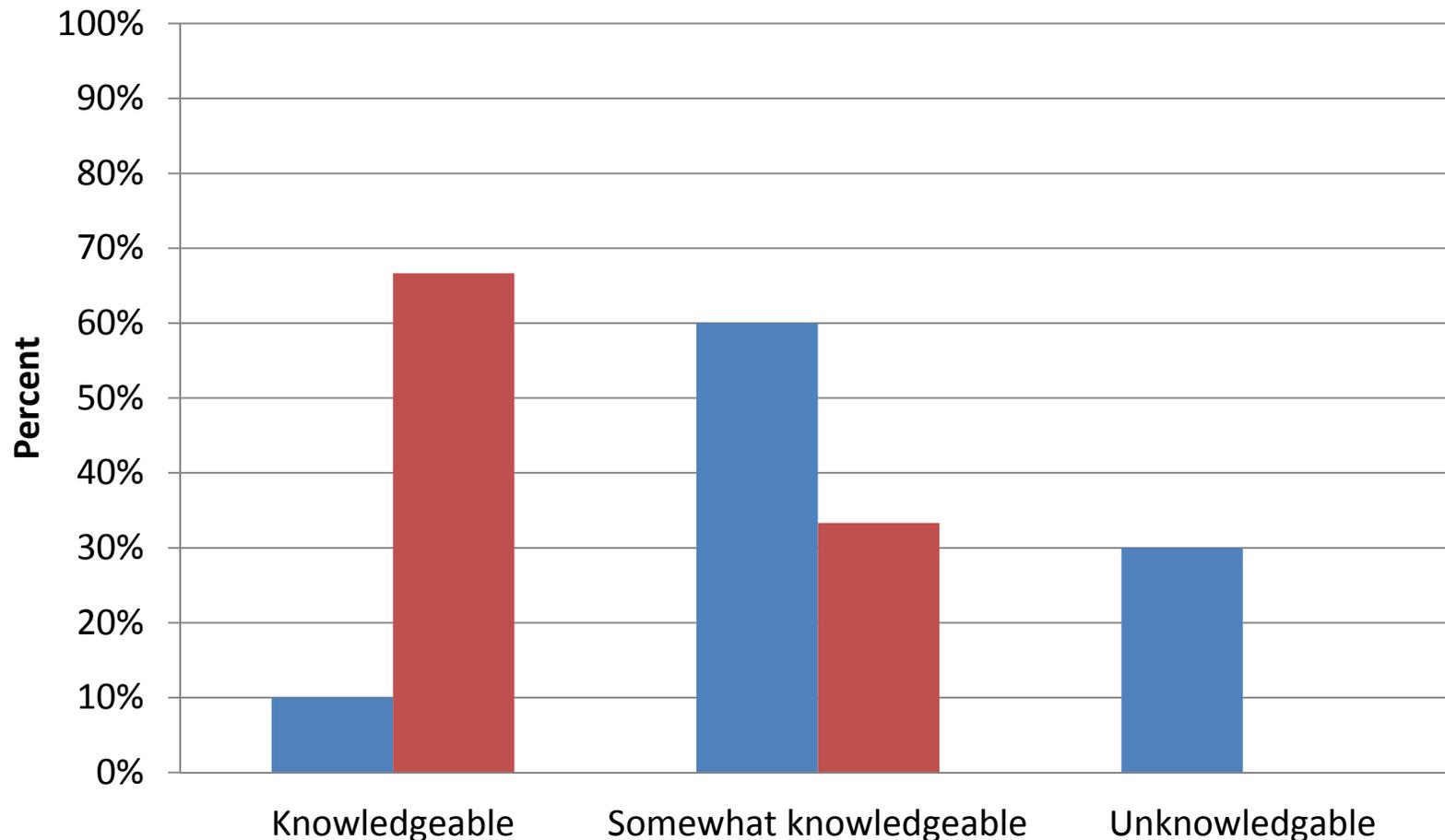
Purpose: Get broad community input on the content and development of the Interim Science Action Agenda



Summary of Workshop Evaluations

Q1: How would you describe your understanding of the ISAA and its purpose **before** this workshop?

Q2: How would you describe your understanding of the ISAA and its purpose **after** this workshop?



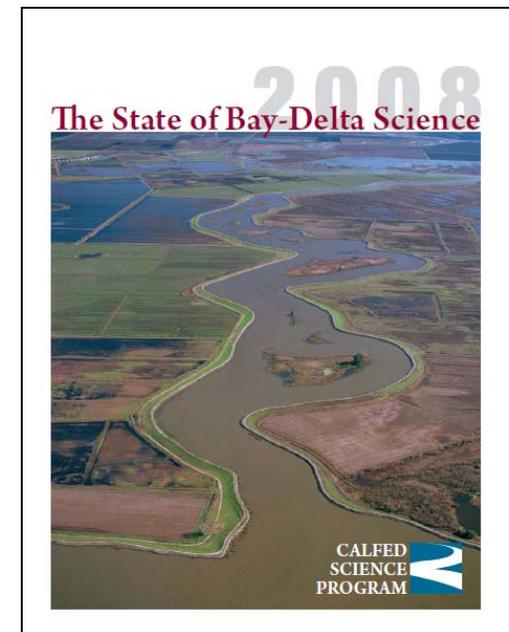
Summary of Workshop Evaluations

- When asked how important it is that the ISAA:
 - Help coordinate science efforts
 - Leverage resources to achieve shared science needs
 - Be used to create coordinated proposal solicitation packages
 - Be used for inputs to annual science work plans
 - On average:
 - 78% answered that it was “very important”
 - 22% answered it was “moderately important”
 - 0% answered it was “not important”

Community Recommendations

1. Feedback on what was missing in the preliminary synthesis

- Organizing framework – use a conceptual model or topics in *The State of Bay Delta Science 2008*
- Priority science actions in unpublished documents



Community Recommendations

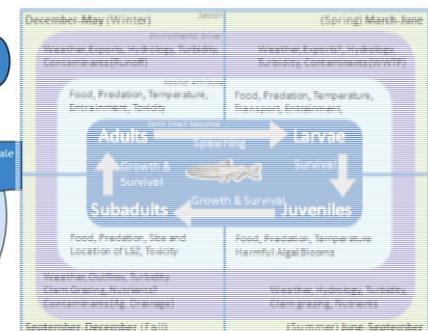
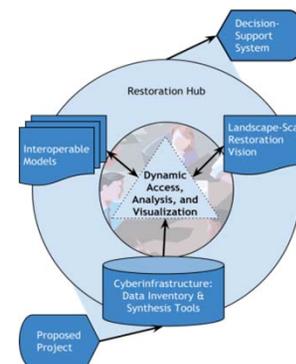
2. Examples of priority science actions

- Develop landscape-scale conceptual models and tools to prioritize geographic areas for restoration
- Build tools and mechanisms to support science synthesis
- Create transparent processes for evaluating data
- Obtain population estimates for delta smelt
- Initiate joint proposal solicitation packages

Community Recommendations

3. Strategies for moving forward

- Streamline gathering key information through focused interviews
- Build on existing collaborative efforts
 - California Water Quality Monitoring Council
 - Interagency Ecological Program
 - Delta Restoration Network



Next Steps

**May -
Jun.**

- **Conduct interviews to streamline the identification and summarization of shared science needs and actions**

Jul.

- **Develop and post a Draft Interim Science Action Agenda**

Aug.

- **Obtain public feedback and Delta Independent Science Board review**

Sep.

- **Complete the Interim Science Action Agenda**

Nov.

- **Present the Interim Science Action Agenda to agency leaders at the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee Meeting**