

IEP Lead Scientist's Report

Summary: The Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) Lead Scientist will report on the 2012 IEP annual workshop held April 18-20 at Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom.

2012 IEP Annual Workshop

The annual IEP Workshop serves as a focal point for IEP (<http://www.water.ca.gov/iep/>) activities. The program for this year's Workshop was diverse, with many oral and poster presentations offering a full spectrum of current IEP activities. After a three-year transition period to a new location, the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, CA, this year's Workshop once again featured a full three-day program and close coordination with the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF, <http://cwemf.org/>). IEP and CWEMF held joint oral sessions on Wednesday, April 18, and for the first time, IEP and CWEMF also held a joint poster session during the afternoon of April 18.

The Workshop's emphasis was on new delta smelt and salmon monitoring and modeling tools and results, including initial results from the new IEP "Management, Analysis, and Synthesis Team" (MAST). Effort is under way to analyze and synthesize new IEP results, including outcomes of last year's Fall Low Salinity Habitat (FLaSH) field work. Other topics covered at the workshop included north Delta ecology, food webs, and water quality.

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