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I know the ISB had a conference call this morning to discuss Ecosystem Restoration Programs, and to plan their review. I offer a couple of thoughts.

Most of the restoration that is being required as part of the Delta smelt (8,000 acres) and salmon (17,000 acres) biological opinions is being coordinated through an interagency group called FAST (Fisheries Agency Strategy Team). Their first project is the Yolo Ranch restoration project being managed by SFCWA. This group will be determining how much credit a project is providing toward the overall goals in the biological opinions. Josh Israel is the federal representative. Dean Messer and Heidi Rocks are the leads for DWR. Carl Wilcox represents DFG. Byron Buck represents SFCWA. I think the ISB might be made aware that this group is the one trying to move projects forward, and is beginning to consider how to adaptively manage individual projects, as well as trying to evaluate changes at the landscape scale for BDCP. I know any advice from the ISB would be appreciated.

The California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup (of the CA WQMC) is another group the DISB might want to know about. This is the multiagency group that has developed the assessment framework for wetland restoration. Eric Stein (SCCWRP), Josh Collins (SFEI) and Craig J. Wilson (DFG) are the leads. This is the group that will provide the tools and toolbox for the regulatory and resource protection agencies to dovetail permitting actions with monitoring, assessment and adaptive management.

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