

To: Monitoring Review Team (MRT), Wetland Monitoring Group, San Francisco Bay Wetland Restoration Program

From: Andree Breaux, S.F. Bay Water Board

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RE: Process for Future Monitoring Reviews for Wetland Mitigation or Restoration Projects

Hello,

Based on comments generated by Phil Lebednik regarding the review process for Bair Island, I am proposing the following process for reviewing monitoring projects for the next meeting:

1. We will produce a single MRT report based on comments and recommendations from the team members, and individual team members will not be credited with specific contributions.
2. The chair person will endeavor to ask for consensus on most major recommendations, but if he or she does not, the presumption will be, in the absence of objection, that there is consensus. If consensus is not explicitly requested from the group, individual members should assume that the summary report will present the recommendations as provided from the MRT as a whole.
3. If any individual dissents from an MRT opinion, or simply prefers not to be included as a consenting member, he should state that for the record; if not, the recommendation will be presented as one from the MRT as a whole.
4. Any individual who would like to provide further explanation of one or more points under his/her own name to be posted on the website, may do so provided that the chair person and team members have reviewed and approved those notes. This is because further explanation can be necessary and invaluable in explaining some of the MRT's opinions, and a 2.5 hour meeting is not enough time to provide that.
5. The overall contribution of the MRT should be to provide guidance on prioritizing what is important in individual monitoring plans based on a project's goals and objectives. The MRT will attempt to identify the most efficient monitoring priorities across a range of available funding possibilities, and let others make the policy decisions based on this information.

If you have comments, please let me know at 510-622-2324 or abreaux@waterboards.ca.gov.