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Proposed Addition of New Seat to the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Steering Committee

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To: WRMP Steering Committee

From: WRMP Staff

Subject: Proposal to add a new seat to the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Steering Committee for the Interagency Ecological Program

The WRMP Charter describes the composition of the Steering Committee as “members of key interested groups: regulatory agencies, project implementers, land managers, special districts, funders, community-based organizations, Native American Tribes, and environmental non-governmental organizations.” It states that science institutions may be eligible for seats on the Steering Committee based on program needs.

Given the WRMP’s interest in promoting science coordination when appropriate across the Bay and Delta, and the goals of the Estuary Blueprint (Task 8-5 is to “Strengthen partnerships and monitoring coordination between the lower and upper San Francisco Estuary.”), the WRMP staff proposes adding a seat to the Steering Committee for the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP). The IEP is composed of nine member agencies and other partners that conduct coordinated ecological monitoring and analyses in the Bay-Delta. The WRMP recommends this IEP seat addition to enable better alignment between the WRMP and IEP data collection protocols, daylight opportunities for regional analyses that include the whole Estuary, facilitate data sharing for improved decision-making in both the Bay and Delta, provide opportunities for sharing lessons learned between the monitoring programs, and encourage coordinated outreach and communications with decision-makers about the status and trends of the Estuary’s wetlands in the face of climate change.