# **Environmental Measures Team**Update

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## Environmental Measures Team Goals

The Environmental Measures Team will perform environmental assessments of wetlands and surface waters, and other related work in support of determining sustainable groundwater withdrawals in the CFWI. The Team will also support options for development of definitions and methodologies for use by all three water management districts for implementing environmental review in water supply planning and consumptive use permitting.

## Environmental Measures Team Approach

The EM Team will meet on a regular basis to:

- Complete its stated objectives and goals
- Collaborate with and provide expertise on environmental issues to other teams, especially the HAT, MFL and GAT teams.

## Environmental Measures Team Objectives

## The Environmental Measures Team will:

- Evaluate current environmental conditions of wetlands and surface waters in the CFWI, and develop options for quantitative relationships to hydrologic conditions, using appropriate scientific methods
- Apply model output to quantitative assessment relationships developed

# Environmental Measures Team Progress

## Progress:

- Developed plan to quantify link between ecological condition of selected sites and the historical record of water levels
- Conceptualized the data analysis approach
- We have finalized a detailed work plan and schedule
- Work was distributed equitably among all parties

# Environmental Measures Team Progress

### Progress:

- Selected 34 locations with existing water level data
- Locations were chosen based on location, ecologic condition, and wetland/surface water type
- Compiled period of record hydrologic data for all sites
- Completed all field data collection at 21 of 34 sites

# Environmental Measures Team Progress

## Progress:

- Wetland ecological type classification complete
- Wetland vegetation database in progress
- Ongoing interaction with other technical teams on relevant issues
- EMT has tasks moving in parallel and is on schedule