

Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
Board Meeting Record

Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Estuary Partnership Offices

Members Present: Rian Sallee, Matt Jones, Susan Holveck, Margaret Magruder, Shauna Hanisch-Kirkbride, Mary Lou Soscia, Matt Harding, Barbara Bergquist, Trang Lam

Ex Officio Members Present: Yvonne Vallette, John Netto, Irma Lagomarsino

Presiding Officer: Rian Sallee

Staff Present: E. Elaine Placido, Madeline Marucha, Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky

Other Present: Catherine Gockel

Review and Approval of [November 21, 2025 Meeting Record](#)

Action: *Approved.*

Executive Director Update

Legislative & Funding Updates. The Partnership faces continued uncertainty with regard to the future of its federal funds. All funds have been returned to the Partnership's portals after the Executive Orders freezing federal funds in late January. However, Congress is still in Continuing Resolution and has not yet passed a budget for the coming fiscal year. Director Placido and Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky are preparing to travel to Washington, D.C. in March to meet with legislators. The Partnership has engaged a fundraising consultant in order to increase its unrestricted funds.

Finance Updates. The Finance Team has benefited from its work with Your Part-Time Controller. Director Placido plans to bring a budget amendment to the Board at the May meeting.

Website Update. The Partnership has temporarily removed language from its website relating to DEI, climate change, and environmental justice, as the website is currently paid for with federal funds. Director Placido hopes to restore this language in the future.

Staffing Update. Katarina Lunde has started work as a Research Scientist III with the Monitoring and Research Team. The Partnership is hiring a Restoration Ecologist for its Restoration Team, a position that the team hopes to extend beyond its current two years of funding.

Action: *None Required*

[Board Action Items](#)

CCMP Update and 10-Year Implementation Strategy. The Partnership has gone through a yearlong process to draft [updates to the CCMP](#), including collecting [feedback from partners](#). [A list of the substantive changes can be found here](#). Director Placido presented the CCMP as well as a draft [10-Year Implementation Strategy](#) to the Board.

Action: *Approved with minor edits as discussed in the meeting.*

EPA Base Workplan. Director Placido presented a draft [EPA Base Workplan](#) for 2025-2027 to the Board, which may be subject to change depending on the results of Congressional budget decisions.

Action: *Approved.*

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Elaine Placido, Executive Director; Madeline Marucha, Operations Coordinator

Signature: _____

Date Approved: _____

Next Executive Committee Meeting: May 1, 2025, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: May 15, 2025, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.