

STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 24-25, 2016

17A. FUTURE MEETINGS – ADOPT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS 2017**Today's Item****Information** ☒**Action** ☒

Approve FGC meeting dates and locations for 2017

Summary of Previous/Future Actions

- Discuss draft 2017 meeting dates and locations June 22-23, 2016; Bakersfield
- **Approve 2017 meeting dates and locations Aug 24-25, 2016; Folsom**

Background

FGC conducts its annual business during eight meetings per year consisting of six two-day meetings (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec) and two one-day teleconferences (Mar and Apr). Committees each holds three half- to full-day meetings per year, either staggered between FGC business meetings (WRC, MRC), or the afternoon before the first day of each 2-day FGC meeting (TC). Adequate meeting facilities have become more difficult to obtain and advanced-planning increases the likelihood of locating available venues. Thus, in order to ensure that staff has adequate time to identify and secure venue options that meet FGC's requirements related to cost, information technology and security conditions, and State-mandated bids, contracting conditions, and timelines, it is important for meeting dates and locations to be identified well in advance. As such, in Jun 2016 staff proposed draft meeting dates and locations for 2017. Staff considered State holidays, other relevant meeting schedules, and regulatory deadlines, and attempted to avoid high-cost areas such as San Luis Obispo, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Santa Barbara, where meeting and lodging costs are usually prohibitive relative to approved rates for State business.

Based on guidance from FGC and committee chairs, staff has updated the proposed list of meeting dates and locations for FGC adoption at this meeting (see Table 1 on next page). FGC meetings are proposed for Wednesdays and Thursdays, WRC meetings are proposed for Wednesdays, MRC meetings for Thursdays, and Tribal Committee meetings the day before FGC meetings. As a reminder, in Jun, staff provided a recommendation to alternate which day marine-or non-marine related agenda items are scheduled on an annual basis. As such, for 2017 the wildlife (non-marine) related items would be scheduled the first day and marine-related items on the second day.

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Table 1. Proposed 2017 FGC and Committee meeting dates and locations

Proposed Dates	Meeting	Proposed Location
January 18*	WRC	Redding
February 7*	Tribal	Santa Rosa
February 8-9*	FGC	Santa Rosa
March 15	Teleconference	Sacramento and DFW Offices
March 23	MRC	San Clemente/Oceanside
April 13	Teleconference	Sacramento and DFW Offices
April 26-27	FGC	Los Angeles
May 24*	WRC	Sacramento
June 20	Tribal	Fortuna
June 21-22	FGC	Fortuna
July 20	MRC	Petaluma
August 16-17	FGC	Sacramento
September 13*	WRC	Riverside
October 10	Tribal	Ventura
October 11-12	FGC	Ventura
November 9*	MRC	Marina
December 6-7	FGC	San Diego

* Revised from Jun 2016 version of proposed meeting dates based on FGC direction to staff.

Other Relevant 2017 Meetings

- Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies: January 5-8 and July 6-11
- Pacific Fishery Management Council: March 7-14, April 6-12, June 7-14, September 11-18, November 13-20
- Wildlife Conservation Board: Dates unknown at this time

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

Approve 2017 meeting dates as proposed in Table 1. Approve the staff recommendation for marine and non-marine days to be rotated between day 1 and day 2 of FGC meetings on an annual basis.

Exhibits (N/A)**Motion/Direction**

The Commission directs staff to secure meeting facilities for the identified meeting dates and locations for 2017 and approves the staff recommendation to rotate scheduling of marine and non-marine days between day 1 and day 2 of FGC meetings for 2017.