

Details regarding CRAM Version 6.1 and 6.2 Modules

April 16, 2019- Please note that CRAM Version 6.2 Fieldbooks have been released for the Vernal Pool modules, **without** accompanying support for data entry in eCRAM.

The current on-line data entry system for CRAM assessment data (eCRAM) accepts data collected for Vernal Pool wetlands using **ONLY Version 6.1** of those Fieldbooks. If you are required to enter assessment data for these wetland types into eCRAM, please use Version 6.1 of the appropriate fieldbook.

The Validation phase of development occurred during 2016 and 2017 for these modules, resulting in the development of Version 6.2 of the fieldbook, which incorporates updates and edits identified during the validation effort. The Level 2 Committee (the CRAM oversight committee) of the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup (CWMW) is currently seeking funding for the development of the eCRAM data entry forms for Version 6.2. Once funding has been secured, and the data entry forms developed, Version 6.1 will be replaced with Version 6.2. Until that point in time, the L2 Committee is making both versions of the fieldbooks available. Version 6.2 is currently the most robust method.

We advise practitioners who need to enter the assessment data into eCRAM to continue to utilize Version 6.1 as in previous years. However, for studies that anticipate collecting data in subsequent years, practitioners should consider using both modules -- Version 6.1 to enter and report data currently, and Version 6.2 so that score comparisons in the future can utilize the same version. Using both modules concurrently doesn't add significant field time but ensures that monitoring is relevant and effective at the present and into the future.

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