



HEALTHY STREAMS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting

February 20, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento
Conference Room 550

Visitors – Please check in at the front desk
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AGENDA

10:00 Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

10:15 HSP Mission – Review and discuss HSP mission and scope

11:00 Projects – Discuss and prioritize projects to be included in the HSP Business Plan

Lunch 12-1

2:00 Business Plan – Discuss format and timeline for developing the Business Plan

3:00 Adjourn

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BACKGROUND & MISSION

The HSP mission is to promote the protection of healthy streams and the restoration of threatened and impaired streams. The workgroup has created a Portal for the MyWaterQuality website that displays data from SWAMP's Bioassessment (Perennial Streams Assessment and Reference Conditions Program) and Stream Pollution Trends Monitoring Program (SPoT) along with a statewide map of streams and some basic information about aquatic ecology and watershed processes. The workgroup also participated in the CA Watershed Assessments project - a USEPA funded effort to develop statewide watershed assessments at the HUC 12 level using existing geospatial and field collected data.

The HSP consists of members from multiple agencies and is coordinated by Water Board staff. There is no dedicated funding for the workgroup and members participate on a voluntary basis. Currently members are working on tasks that can be accomplished with existing resources. Regional Water Boards 3 and 9 are working on watershed report cards for their respective regions. State Board staff is developing a map of waterbodies listed as impaired for aquatic life beneficial uses to be posted on the Portal.

The two key HSP products – the Portal and the CA watershed assessment – are not strictly limited to streams. They also address other water body types, such as large rivers and lakes, as well as watersheds. This prompts the question of whether the HSP should broaden its focus beyond identifying healthy streams to include other water body types, as well as watershed-scale assessments. Two options for the group to consider are:

1. Refine the CA Watershed Assessments to produce a statewide report card of watershed health that is coordinated with regional efforts or programs.
2. Play a lead role in the ecosystem health/beneficial use assessment effort (discussed during a special workshop session during the November 2014 CABW meeting).

Additionally, other Council workgroups are assessing ecosystem health and have developed products and tools that could also be used by the HSP. For example, the wetlands workgroup has developed EcoAtlas as a tool for displaying and querying wetlands projects and other environmental data on a geographic basis. EcoAtlas could potentially be used as a tool to support environmental assessments in streams and lakes, as well as at the watershed level.

The Monitoring Council has asked each work group to develop a business plan identifying specific projects and agency efforts that could benefit from collaboration within a workgroup, along with an estimate of the resources needed by the group to successfully complete the projects.

MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of the February meeting is to revisit the core mission and goals of the HSP workgroup and chart a course for the future based on the needs of participating agencies and within the context of the Monitoring Council strategy.

The goals of the meeting are to agree upon the mission, goals and priority projects of the workgroup, and to begin developing a business plan identifying resources needed for workgroup success.

WebEx Meeting information

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