



# California Water Quality Monitoring Council



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2023  
10:30 AM to 4:30PM

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project  
3535 Harbor Blvd, Suite 110  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Water Quality Monitoring Council will meet to discuss issues relating to its responsibilities pursuant to California Water Code Section 13181.

### BACKGROUND

The California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Monitoring Council) was established by [California Water Code Section 13181 \(CWC 13181\)](#) which requires the boards, departments and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to integrate and coordinate their water quality and related ecosystem monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

[Monitoring Council Members](#) include representatives from Cal/EPA, the Natural Resources Agency, drinking water, public health, stormwater, publicly owned treatment works, agriculture, citizen monitoring groups, the public, the scientific community, the academic community, and water supply. The Monitoring Council is also required to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whose representative attends Monitoring Council meetings in a non-voting capacity.

The Monitoring Council develops specific recommendations to improve the coordination and cost-effectiveness of water quality and ecosystem monitoring and assessment; enhances the integration of monitoring data across departments and agencies; and increases public accessibility to monitoring data and assessment information.

### MEETING PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this meeting is for the Monitoring Council to plan further implementation of their comprehensive monitoring program strategy and to develop additional recommendations to the CalEPA and CNRA Secretaries. Meeting topics will include:

- Public Forum: opportunity for stakeholders to address items not on the agenda.
- Monitoring Council Member updates.
- Microplastics methods, monitoring, and research updates.

- Safe to Eat Workgroup update.

### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The meeting agenda and related information will be available on the following website:  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/meetings/](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/)

### MEETING ACCESS

This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location.

Remote access to the meeting will be available via Zoom. [To join the online meeting, click on this link](#) **Meeting ID: 838 2907 9427 and Passcode: 066382.** Please log in a few minutes before the meeting starts to allow Zoom to set up the meeting connection software on your computer (as needed). Audio connection is via teleconference, **by calling 1-669-900-9128 with Meeting ID: 83829079427# and Passcode: 066382#.** Existing audio equipment in our meeting room may limit the quality of the connection.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to the Monitoring Council Director:  
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To receive email updates regarding the California Water Quality Monitoring Council, subscribe to the "California Water Quality Monitoring Council (SB 1070)" mailing list under "General Interests" at the following website:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml).

November 21, 2023

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