SWAMP Inland Beaches Workgroup Meeting Notes March 23, 2016 10:00 - 11:30AM

**Attendees**: Jon Marshack, Marisa Van Dyke, Stephanie Rose, Alisha Wenzel, Zane Poulson, Rich Fadness, Carly Nilson

Item 1: Displaying inland bacteria data – Socrata open data portal

Led by Greg Gearheart

Notes: Cancelled since Greg was not able to attend

# Item 2: Statewide Bacteria Objective overview

Led by Stephanie Rose and Zane Poulson

#### Notes:

- Statewide program to update freshwater (E. coli) and beach (enterococci) bacteria objectives
- Focus on 32 illnesses per 1,000 recreators
- Uses a geomean
- 6 week rolling average for compliance
- Includes natural source exclusion/reference beach systems
- Potentially defines limited REC-1 BU (waters that are fences with low flows and no recreation)/ high flow suspension/season flow suspension (RBs would need to apply a use attainability analysis)
- Will not specify analytical methods
- Will use current statewide compliance schedule
- Lake Tahoe will have a separate objective of 17 *E. coli* since it is an ONWR → will need the Safe-to-Swim portal to acknowledge
- The webpage has the current schedule: summer 2016 for public comment/end of 2016 for adoption
- CDPH has recommendations to sample for freshwater but no regulation
- Stephanie and Zane would like to stay on our email list and be notified of meetings with this group

#### Action Item:

 Zane and Stephanie: will assist or review any language we create for our webpage in regards to the Statewide Bacteria Objective to ensure it is consistent with their messaging

**Item 3:** Update on Monitoring Council meeting 2.23.16 and presentation of Inland Beaches workgroup

Led by Jon Marshack and Carly Nilson

#### Notes:

- Monitoring Council was very receptive to the formation of this group and would like it housed under the Monitoring Council
- We will need to develop a mock up for the web portal for Monitoring Council approval

- We should perform outreach to coastal folks who have already contributed to Safe-to-Swim portal to get information/lessons learned/collaboration
- We should consider a connection with cyanoHABS for the web portal
- Monitoring Council would sign (Jon assisted to help draft) a letter aimed at counties to solicit data input into CEDEN
- Is there capacity for regional help centers (CEDEN) to take on new data sets?
   And if not, when?

**Item 4:** What information we want on existing Safe-to-Swim webpage: <a href="http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe\_to\_swim/">http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe\_to\_swim/</a>

# Discussion by All

## Notes:

- There are current updates to the webpage following a new template and estimated to be completed in 1 month
- Have a single "homepage" for both coastal and freshwater to house communal information (ex. new Bacteria Objective). Have two separate webpages for specific information for coastal and freshwater
- Freshwater webpage: potential directory of citizen monitoring groups; "what can you do as an individual?" to connect folks to local citizen monitoring groups; links to USEPA analytical methods; tools (TouTube videos for sampling, etc.); workgroup agenda and notes
- Sidenote: Monterey Bay Environmental Dept. wants to reach out to folks who
  might be interested in collaborating with them and working more as a commercial
  lab to accept outside party samples. This type of information could go on our
  webpage (who is doing what and where)
- There current test webpage can be found: www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/index.html
- Volunteers were requested to help formulate the webpage as it is an integral component before beginning outreach. Marisa, Alisha, Carly and Jon committed with Jon as the lead

#### Action Item:

 Jon: After new webpage is completed, set up a meeting with Carly, Alisha, and Marisa to begin vetting out freshwater webpage

#### Item 5: Data into CEDEN

- a) Monitoring Council assistance
- b) Use CyanoHAB group county list?
- c) Other suggestions

## Discussion by All

#### Notes:

- CEDEN contract update: CEDEN is connecting machine-to-machine for data transfer (CEDEN to WQX); working on refresh rates (how often data is transferred over); and direct feed of bacteria data to Safe-to-Swim portal
- Capacity issue for CEDEN Help Centers- Central Valley Help Center contract not

- executed at the moment
- Is there capacity for State Board staff to input data? Talk of SB developing their own data help center
- Is there any funding available with Moss Landing (Marco) for inputting new data since the Regional Help Centers are only working existing clients

## Action Item:

 Talk with Jarma to get a timeline of when they may have more capacity to work with new clientele for data input and if there is funding left with Moss landing to assist

# **Item 6:** Compiling information for workgroup webpage:

http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\_council/swim\_workgroup/

- a) Dept of Public Health SOP?
- b) YouTube videos of presentations?
- c) methods comparison matrix/guidance document on how to interpret results based on different methodology
- d) include meeting agenda and notes?

# Discussion by All

# Notes:

- Refer to notes for item 4
- Refer to Clean Water Team webpage for links for YouTube videos and other materials that might be valuable for our webpage

**Item 7:** Source tracking internal wiki: Monitoring Council thought this was a great idea and highly supported

## Discussion by All

#### Notes:

- Information will be housed in an internal wiki where all workgroup member and SWAMP coordinators will have access to upload documents
- Reports and references posted
- Template for adding information on MST projects for project managers to fill out
- Once wiki is up, we will present to SWAMP coordinators and enlist them to have the appropriate staff fill out templates and provide input on what else would be appropriate and helpful for this wiki

# **Action Items:**

- Alisha ad Marisa: gather references/guidance docs/websites/ reports that would be useful for this wiki
- Carly: Finalize draft template and provide to Rich, Alisha, and Marisa for comments

#### Next meeting

Meetings will be held every 2 months on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday for the month (based on availability)

# Next agenda topics:

- Making the program public and using existing lyris list
  Update on "mock up" for Safe-to-Swim addition of bacteria
- Do we want to have Global Meet for next meeting?