



HEALTHY STREAMS PARTNERSHIP August 15th, 2014

MEETING SUMMARY



Roll call

Nick Kunz, Laleh Rastegarzadeh, Calvin Yang, Michelle Tang, Lori Webber (State Water Board); Jon Marshack (CA Water Quality Monitoring Council), Rich Fadness (North Coast Regional Board), Karen Worcester (Central Valley Regional board), Dave Paradies (CCAMP), John Hunt (UC Davis), Heather Boyd (Santa Ana Regional Board), Terry Fleming (USEPA)

Summary

The purpose of this meeting was to go over the list of potential projects the work group has discussed in previous meetings and identify short and long term activities.

The group discussed the potential project list posted on the HSP page:

http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/healthy_streams/docs/hsp081514projects.pdf.

- The group agreed that in the short term the HSP should focus in improving and adding functionality to the Healthy Streams Portal; this includes incorporating some of Region 3's assessment tools and adding additional data (e.g. 305(b) and 303(d) listed waterbodies, water chemistry data) and information.
- The group also agreed that the HSP should start incorporating additional datasets into the CA watershed assessments developed by USEPA and Cadmus. It was recognized that additional resources are needed to make this effort successful. Lori mentioned that the Estuary Workgroup is undertaking a similar project to develop a report card for the Bay-Delta and reminded everyone that a sub-group of the California Biodiversity Council is working on common indicators that multiple agencies can use to track progress and performance towards agency goals (see Kelly Larvie's presentation from the 5/23/14 HSP meeting for more information). HSP members asked for regular updates on these efforts at future meetings.
- In the long term, the Healthy Streams Portal will be an excellent place for the forestry and NPS programs to display interactive versions of annual performance reports or other watershed-based reporting requirements (such as combined NPS/TMDL reports). Nick (Forestry Program) and Laleh (NPS) discussed how their programs could utilize the Healthy Streams Portal in this manner. Group members also suggested that efforts should be directed towards identifying other agency or program mandates that can be incorporated into the Healthy Streams Portal.

Action Items:

- Lori will work with SWAMP and assessment unit staff to create a map of waterbodies with aquatic life use impairments and post it on the Healthy Streams Portal.
- Lori will send an email to the HSP Lyris list asking for input on existing agency mandates or requirements that could be fulfilled via the Healthy Streams Portal.
- Terry will look into funding sources at USEPA for 305(b) reporting and possible linkages to the Healthy Streams Portal.

- Karen and Dave will continue efforts to build institutional support for expanding Region 3's assessment tools statewide.
- Jon will coordinate with Laleh to give a briefing on the Monitoring Council portals to the NPS Roundtable.

The next HSP meeting is scheduled for **November 21st** from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm.