



California Water Quality Monitoring Council



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NOTICE OF MEMBER VACANCY ON THE CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL ISSUED NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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- Jon Marshack
Executive Director
- Kristopher Jones
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Water Quality Monitoring Council is seeking candidates to fill a vacant seat on the Council representing the Public. This seat was last occupied by Sara Aminzadeh, Executive Director of the California Coastkeeper Alliance, who stepped down earlier this year. The process to fill this vacancy will remain open until **December 15, 2016**.

MONITORING COUNCIL BACKGROUND

In November 2007, a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) was signed by the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Natural Resources Agency to establish the California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Monitoring Council). The MOU was mandated by [Senate Bill 1070 \(Kehoe, 2006\)](#) and requires the boards, departments, and commissions within Cal/EPA and the Natural Resources Agency to integrate and coordinate their water quality and related ecosystem monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

Monitoring Council members include representatives from CalEPA, the Natural Resources Agency, the Division of Drinking Water, regulated publicly owned treatment works and stormwater interests, agriculture, citizen monitoring groups, the public, the scientific community, and water supply interests. The Monitoring Council is also required by SB 1070 to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whose representative attends all Council meetings.

SB 1070 and the MOU require that the Monitoring Council develop specific recommendations to improve the coordination and cost-effectiveness of water quality and ecosystem monitoring and assessment, enhance the integration of monitoring data across departments and agencies, and increase public accessibility to monitoring data and assessment information. While the Monitoring Council may recommend new monitoring or management initiatives, it builds on existing efforts to the greatest extent possible.

California Water Code Section 13181(b) requires that the Monitoring Council report to Cal/EPA and the Natural Resources Agency “its recommendations for maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of existing water quality data collection and dissemination, and for ensuring that collected data are maintained and available for use by decisionmakers and the public.” Those [initial recommendations](#) were submitted on December 1, 2008. In December 2010, the Monitoring Council released recommendations for a [Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy for California](#), based on the initial

recommendations and experience gained to date. As required by the legislation, the Monitoring Council produced its [first triennial audit](#) of Strategy implementation in October 2014.

The Monitoring Council currently meets quarterly with three meetings in Sacramento and one in Costa Mesa. Meeting and other Monitoring Council information is available online at http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council. Monitoring Council Members serve without compensation. The State Water Resources Control Board provides transportation cost reimbursement to Monitoring Council meeting Members who require such assistance.

MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

New Monitoring Council Members are nominated by Monitoring Council staff or Council Member(s) with input from represented stakeholder organizations. Stakeholder organizations identified by past Public Members include individual Waterkeepers, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Heal the Bay, and the Southern California Watershed Alliance. Potential new members are vetted with represented stakeholder organizations either by staff and/or by the outgoing Council Member. Selection of the proposed new Member is made by the Monitoring Council Co-Chairs, who then provide the names and qualifications to the Secretaries of CalEPA and the Natural Resources Agency for final approval.

The following are the criteria for nomination of persons to the Monitoring Council:

1. Be actively involved in an organization routinely doing water quality monitoring
2. Council representation has a balance of geographic regions of the state (current Council Members are from Capitola, Costa Mesa, Fresno, Modesto, Sacramento, Truckee, and Whittier)
3. Have the time available to commit to the Council duties
4. Have demonstrated ability to work successfully with diverse stakeholder groups
5. Have expertise in the category nominated for (in this case, representing the Public)
6. Be respected by their constituencies
7. Be an effective communicator
8. Have in-depth experience in water quality monitoring in California
9. Be able to meet deadlines

Persons interested in applying to fill the current Monitoring Council vacancy are urged to provide their biographies, including qualifications that relate to these criteria, **by December 15, 2016** to:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Jon Marshack at (916) 341-5514 or jon.marshack@waterboards.ca.gov.

November 9, 2016

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