



Safe to Eat Workgroup (STEW) Meeting Agenda



**Wednesday, January 31, 2024
9:30 AM - 11:30 PM (Pacific)**

[Please register in advance of the meeting](#)

After registering, you will receive an email containing information about joining the meeting.

Agenda Overview

Item	Topic	Lead	Time
1.	<u>Roll Call, Agenda Review, Goals of the Meeting</u>	Jay Davis	9:30 AM (10 min)
2.	<u>Information: Quick Updates</u> Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Jay Davis	9:40 AM (30 min)
3.	<u>Information: Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process - Overview & Update</u> Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Anna Holder	10:10 AM (10 min)
4.	<u>Information: Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Monitoring Priorities</u> Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Wes Smith	10:20 AM (20 min)
Break			10:40 AM (10 min)
5.	<u>Information: Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process - Tribe / CBO / Agency Open Forum</u> Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Anna Holder	10:50 AM (30 min)
6.	<u>Wrap-up and Adjourn</u>	Anna Holder	11:20 AM (10 min)

Agenda Details

Item 1. Roll Call, Agenda Review, Goals of the Meeting

Item 2. Quick Updates

Monitoring Data & Documentation Update

Year	Monitoring Element	Data Status (Est. completion date)	Document Status (Est. completion date)
2020	Coast (Central CA)	Remaining organics data available in CEDEN (Mar 2024)	Cruise Report Interpretive Report (2025)
2021	Lakes (Panel 4)	Organics data available in CEDEN (Mar 2024)	Cruise Report Data Report (2024*)
2022	Realignment (Region 9)	Organics data available in CEDEN (May 2024)	Cruise Report Data Report (2024*)
	Rivers (Region 5)		Cruise Report Data Report (2024*)
	Special Project (Region 3)		NA - up to R3 project leads to write report
2023	Lakes (Panel 5)	Metals data available in CEDEN (Jun 2024) Organics analysis (TBD 2024)	Cruise Report (Feb 2024) Data Report (2024*) Interpretive Report (2025)
2024	Coast (Central & Northern CA)	Monitoring to begin in Apr 2024	Monitoring Plan published! Data Report (2025) Interpretive Report (2026)

* Upon receipt of organics data

- New fish consumption advisories
 - [South Lake \(Inyo County, Dec 2023\)](#)
- Updates on TMDLs
- Monitoring Council Updates
 - All 2024 meetings will be virtual until further notice.
 - [Next meeting](#): Apr 5
- Other updates from the group
 - [Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Training Series](#)

- Tribal-centered training series co-developed by SWAMP & the California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA)
 - Upcoming Courses (all offered 9 am – 12 pm PT, via Zoom)
 - **Jan 30, 2024:** Intro to the Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program and STEW - Slides & recording to be posted on Training Series webpage by Feb 2
 - **Feb 20, 2024:** [Bioaccumulation monitoring study design & preparation](#)
 - **Mar 19, 2024:** [Bioaccumulation monitoring sample collection protocols & processing](#)
 - **Sep 17, 2024:** [Bioaccumulation monitoring data QA/QC & submission to SWAMP/CE DEN](#)
- San Francisco Region [Realignment](#)
 - Outreach to San Francisco Region Tribes and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to take place this week (via email)
 - Workshop(s) to begin in Feb 2024
 - Thu. Feb. 29, 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Intro & Process Kick-off (Tribes & CBOs - virtual only)
 - Wed. Mar. 6, 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Feedback from Tribes (virtual only)
 - Mon. Mar. 18, 9 - 11 am - Feedback from CBO (hybrid)
 - **If you represent a Tribe or CBO in the San Francisco Region and would like to participate in or stay informed of the San Francisco Region Realignment process, please email anna.holder@waterboards.ca.gov**
- [San Francisco Bay RMP](#)
 - Bay-wide sport fish monitoring in 2024 - planning process underway
 - [2023 RMP Annual Meeting](#) - PFAS in Bay Fish talk and other materials available on website
 - Review period just ended on a draft manuscript on PFAS in Bay fish. If you would like to see the draft, please email jay@sfei.org.
- San Francisco Bay subsistence fisher consumption survey questionnaire development
 - Funded by San Francisco Region, project will wrap around May 2024
 - 2nd Workshop with Community-Based Organizations on Feb 15
- [All Positives Possible](#) Carquinez Strait monitoring study
 - Funded by US EPA
 - Fish monitoring for mercury, PCBs, PFAS at four locations began in Sep 2023
 - Monitoring methods will include San Francisco Bay RMP methods and collection by community members
- [OEHHA Seafood Safety Toxicologist position](#) open until filled

Item 3. Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process - Overview & Update

An update on the Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process, including upcoming 2024 STEW meeting dates and topics will be presented.

Item 4. Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Monitoring Priorities

A representative from OEHHA will present on their near and/or long-term bioaccumulation monitoring needs and priorities.

Item 5. Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process - Tribe / CBO / Agency Open Forum

Any representative from a California Native American Tribe (Tribe), Community-Based Organization (CBO), California State Agency (Agency) or other type of bioaccumulation monitoring partner that would like to share about their near and/or long-term bioaccumulation monitoring needs and priorities may do so at this time.

Tribe / CBO / Agency partners who would like to express interest in a more formal presentation during the Feb STEW meeting may do so at this time.

- Meeting Information: Wed. Feb. 28, 2024, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm PT | [Registration Link](#)
- Optional [External Partner Template](#)

Tribe / CBO / Agency partners who are unable to present at the Jan 31 or Feb 28 STEW meetings but would still like to provide feedback may do so by completing the [Bioaccumulation Monitoring Priorities Survey](#) by Mar 1, 2024.

Item 6. Wrap-up and Adjourn

Review next steps and action items.

Ways to provide feedback during the Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment

- **Tribes / Agencies / Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)** interested in presenting at the Feb 28 STEW meeting - email anna.holder@waterboards.ca.gov the following ASAP:
 - Notification of interest in presenting in discussions, and how you would like to share information (e.g. [External Partner Template](#) or other format)
 - A preferred time your representative will be able to present the priorities on Wed. Feb. 28, 2024 (1:30 pm - 4:30 pm PT)
- **If you are unable to present but would still like to provide feedback** - please complete the [Bioaccumulation Monitoring Priorities Survey](#) by **Mar 1, 2024**.
- Attend and participate in [upcoming Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment & STEW Meetings](#); [Join the STEW email list](#) to stay informed and receive updates.

Recent STEW Meetings with Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Item

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Meeting Documents
Jan. 24, 2024	Process overview & update Water Boards Presentations	Slides Notes Recording
Dec. 20, 2023	Process overview & update Water Boards Presentations	Slides Notes Recording
Nov. 29, 2023	Process overview & update Q&A / Open Forum	Slides Notes Recording
Oct. 18, 2023	Item 7. 2024 Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process	Slides (pg. 72 - 82) Notes (pg 8 - 10) Recording
Jan. 18, 2023	Item 6. Planning for 2024 Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment	Slides (pg. 32 - 35) Notes (pg 7 - 8) Recording

Upcoming Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment & STEW Meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting Focus (<i>Tentative</i>)	Meeting Documents
Wed. Jan. 31, 2024 9:30 am - 12:30 pm PT	Regular STEW Meeting <i>Tribe / Agency / CBO Presentations</i>	Registration Link*
Wed. Feb. 28, 2024 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm PT	Process overview & update <i>Tribe / Agency / CBO Presentations</i>	Registration Link
Wed. Mar. 27, 2024 9:30 am - 12:30 pm PT	Process overview & update Reflection, synthesis, priority setting	Registration Link

Meeting Date	Meeting Focus (<i>Tentative</i>)	Meeting Documents
Wed. Apr. 17, 2024 9:30 am - 12:30 pm PT	Process recap Presentation of priorities & next steps	Registration Link
Apr. 24, 2024 9:30 am - 12:30 pm PT	Regular STEW Meeting	Registration Link *
Jul. 31, 2024 9:30 am - 12:30 pm PT	Regular STEW Meeting	Registration Link *
Oct. 30, 2024 9:30 am - 12:30 pm PT	Regular STEW Meeting	Registration Link *

* Attendee can register for all regular STEW meetings at one time