

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

Monitoring Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Conference Room 2540 – Twenty-fifth Floor
 Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
 1001 I Street, Sacramento



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ITEM:	1		Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	INTRODUCTIONS AND HOUSEKEEPING		10 minutes
Purpose:	1) Introductions 2) Review draft notes from October 13, 2010 Council meeting 3) Review agenda for today's meeting		
Desired Outcome:	a) Approve October 2010 Monitoring Council meeting notes b) Preview what will be presented today and overall meeting expectations c) Adjust today's agenda, as needed		
Attachment Links:	Draft notes from October 13, 2010 Council meeting		
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ITEM:	2		Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES		20 minutes
Purpose:	a) State budget update (Jonathan Bishop and Dale Hoffman-Floerke) b) Portal Development Update (Jon Marshack)		

	c) Rapid bacterial indicator methods and Orange County test (Steve Weisberg)	
Desired Outcome:	Information and feedback	
Background:	c) In the summer of 2010, SCCWRP participated in an Orange County study to demonstrate the effectiveness of rapid bacterial indicator methods to achieve same-day notification of swimming safety to beachgoers. Additional information is on the SCCWRP website .	
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ITEM:	3	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	WORKGROUPS AND PORTALS – ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS	150 minutes
Purpose:	<p>Update Council Members on progress during 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Beach Water Quality Workgroup and Central/Northern California Ocean and Bay Water Quality Monitoring Group – Safe to Swim Portal (Michael Gjerde) b) California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup (CWMW) – CA Wetlands Portal (Josh Collins) c) Bioaccumulation Oversight Group (BOG) – Safe to Eat Fish and Shellfish Portal (Jay Davis) d) Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program – Safe to Drink, Groundwater Portal (John Borkovich) e) Healthy Streams Partnership – CA Streams and Rivers Portal (Karen Larsen) f) Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network (MARINe) – Tide Pool Portal (see written report) g) California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network (see written report) 	
Desired Outcome:	Information and feedback	
Background:	Each workgroup has provided a written summary of their 2010 progress	
Attachment Links:	<p>Progress reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Beach Water Quality Workgroup and Central/Northern California Ocean and Bay Water Quality Monitoring Group – Safe to Swim Portal b) California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup (CWMW) – CA Wetlands Portal c) Bioaccumulation Oversight Group (BOG) – Safe to Eat Fish and Shellfish Portal d) Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program – Safe to Drink, Groundwater Portal e) Healthy Streams Partnership – CA Streams and Rivers Portal f) Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network (MARINe) – Tide Pool Portal g) California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network 	
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LUNCH	Approx. Time:
Restaurants in Cal/EPA Bldg lobby, across street to south, and in local area.	60 minutes

ITEM:	4	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	ANNUAL REPORTING TO AGENCY SECRETARIES	30 minutes
Purpose:	Report to Agency Secretaries, due by end of 2010	
Desired Outcome:	Direction on content and emphasis of the progress report	
Background:	In the transmittal letter to its December 2008 Recommendations, the Monitoring Council agreed to deliver annual progress reports to the Agency Secretaries. Many of the achievements of 2010 are outlined in the Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy document. At the October 13, 2010 meeting, the Monitoring Council decided that the annual report should be included within the cover letter for the Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy document, calling out significant progress made in 2010, such as engagement with the Natural Resources Agency.	
Attachment Links:	Draft cover letter to the recommended Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy Meeting notes of the October 13, 2010 Monitoring Council meeting (see item 8)	
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ITEM:	5	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	MONITORING COUNCIL GOVERNANCE	40 minutes
Purpose:	Governance document to be attached to the Monitoring Council's Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy document	
Desired Outcome:	Direction on content of a Monitoring Council governance document	
Background:	<p>The MOU establishing the Monitoring Council include the following under the heading <i>The Monitoring Council's Responsibilities</i>:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Develop a more complete governance structure that describes any needed advisory committees and contractual relationships, specifics of the Monitoring Council's deliberative process, including procedures for identifying and prioritizing issues, assigning tasks and tracking progress, and communication and outreach. In addition, the governance structure should describe the Monitoring Council's relationship with the Secretaries of Cal/EPA and Resources and set forth a mechanism for decision making in cases where members of the Monitoring Council cannot reach agreement.</p> <p>At the October 13, 2010 meeting, the Monitoring Council decided that a short Monitoring Council governance document should be added to the Comprehensive Strategy document for submission to the Agency Secretaries.</p>	

Attachment Links:	Draft Monitoring Council Governance document MOU between Cal/EPA and Natural Resources establishing the Monitoring Council Meeting notes of the October 13, 2010 Monitoring Council meeting (see item 8)	
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ITEM:	6	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO ENABLING LEGISLATION	45 minutes
Purpose:	Proposed legislation to enhance the Monitoring Council's actions	
Desired Outcome:	Agreement between non-governmental Monitoring Council Members on potential legislation and assignments to develop proposed legislative language	
Background:	<p>On October 21, Steve Weisberg, Jon Marshack, and Water Board Legislative Director Rob Egel briefed Linda Barr, Principle Consultant to Senator Christine Kehoe, the author of CA SB 1070. The briefing was intended to seek concurrence on the direction of the Monitoring Council's Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy and support for continued Monitoring Council involvement coordinating implementation of the strategy. Linda Barr expressed enthusiastic support for the Monitoring Council's vision and the efforts of the workgroups to create the initial portals. Toward the end of the briefing, Linda Barr invited the Monitoring Council to provide Senator Kehoe with specific proposed changes to the enabling legislation for consideration during next year's legislative session. Such changes could clarify roles or make other changes to make the Monitoring Council's work easier and potentially more successful. Specific draft language would be needed by mid January.</p> <p>Staffs of California boards, departments, commissions and offices are normally barred from proposing legislation without approval from their respective agency secretaries and the Governor's office.</p>	
Attachment Links:	CA SB 1070	
Contact Person:	Steve Weisberg	steve@scworp.org , 714-755-3203

ITEM:	7	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	RECOMMENDED COMPREHENSIVE MONITORING PROGRAM STRATEGY	45 minutes
Purpose:	Review and approve final draft of the recommended Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy	
Desired Outcome:	<p>Comment and approval of the recommended strategy</p> <p><i>Note: Monitoring Council Members will be asked to sign the inside cover page at the meeting.</i></p>	
Background:	The strategy is required by California Senate Bill 1070 (Kehoe, 2006) and the	

	<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Cal/EPA and Natural Resources. Each of these documents provides specific direction on the content of the strategy.</p> <p>The Monitoring Council considered the September 2010 draft of the strategy at its October 2010 meeting and provided specific comments and direction. A final draft of the strategy document has addressed all Monitoring Council comments and direction to date. The strategy document is to be completed and submitted to the Agency Secretaries by the end of 2010.</p> <p>The Monitoring Council requested briefings with the two Agency Secretaries and with key legislators prior to finalizing the strategy. Agency Secretary briefings have occurred and both Secretaries provided support for the direction of the strategy. Senators Kehoe and Alquist were co-authors of CA SB 1070. A briefing with Senator Kehoe's staff occurred on October 21, which also resulted in enthusiastic support and an offer to publicize the work of the Monitoring Council and its workgroups to fellow California legislators. Water Board Legislative Affairs staff has attempted to schedule a briefing with Senator Alquist's staff, but has not been able to gain their interest in having such a meeting.</p>
Attachment Links:	<p>California Senate Bill 1070 [see Section 13181(a) and (e)]</p> <p>MOU between Cal/EPA and Natural Resources</p> <p>Meeting notes of the October 13, 2010 Monitoring Council meeting (see item 7)</p> <p>Comprehensive Monitoring Program Strategy - Final Draft</p>
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ITEM:	8	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	2011 MONITORING COUNCIL MEETINGS	
Purpose:	Set dates and locations for meetings	
Desired Outcome:	Agreement on meeting dates and locations	
Background:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 meetings were generally held on the second Wednesday of alternate months, beginning in February • CDPH Member Gary Yamamoto has indicated a conflict on second Wednesdays of the month • Meetings have generally alternated between the Cal/EPA Building in Sacramento and the offices of SCCWRP in Costa Mesa 	
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ITEM:	9	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	MEETING WRAP-UP	
Purpose:	a) Summarize meeting	

	b) Plan agenda for next Council meeting	
Desired Outcome:	Develop agenda items for next meeting	
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November 24, 2010