



Planning the Monitoring Council's Future

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Outcomes from the Triennial Audit

- 💧 Dedicated resources and greater authority are needed to allow the Council to fulfill its mission.
 - 💧 SB 1070 came with no dedicated funding and no authority to compel state governmental organizations to participate.
 - 💧 Progress made to date is largely through in-kind services, voluntary efforts, and occasional grants.

Outcomes from the Triennial Audit

- Subcommittee formed August 27, 2015
 - Feedback: *be more opportunistic in the efforts it supports*
- Briefing with the Undersecretary for CalEPA
 - Feedback: *support priority initiatives of the administration*

Feedback from the May 23rd meeting

- 💧 Strong support for the Council and its mission.
- 💧 The Council's strength—*its convening power*
- 💧 The Council should support emerging issues and to remain opportunistic.
- 💧 The Council has value in bringing agency stakeholders together for coordination and collaboration.
- 💧 The Council *may not* add value for organizations that already make their data available to the public.

Subcommittee Recommendations

1. Review and update the Council's Strategy

- Hire a facilitator to help guide this effort and to develop the updated Strategy document.
- Identify who the Council serves (e.g., the public, agency decision makers, or both).
- Continue to support emerging issues (e.g., HABs)
- Solicit input from the Secretaries for Natural Resources and CalEPA.

Subcommittee Recommendations

2. **Strategize how to modify Council membership**
 - 💧 Identify ways to better engage key organizations within the Natural Resources Agency and CalEPA.
 - 💧 Continue outreach with key representatives from May 23 meeting (e.g., IEP, DWR, and DPR).
 - 💧 Identify members with stronger connections to the Agency Secretaries.