



California Water Quality Monitoring Council



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Second Floor, Klamath Training Room

Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building

1001 I Street, Sacramento

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Water Quality Monitoring Council will meet to discuss issues relating to its responsibilities pursuant to California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006).

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 [CA Senate Bill 1070 \(Statutes of 2006\)](#) and requires the boards, departments and offices 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 Cal/EPA, the Natural Resources Agency, the Department of Public Health, citizen monitoring groups, regulated publicly owned treatment works, stormwater, agriculture and water supply interests, the scientific community, and the public. The Monitoring Council is also required by SB 1070 to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whose representative attends all Monitoring 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 related 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 will build on existing efforts to the greatest extent possible.

SB 1070 and the MOU require that the Monitoring Council, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, recommend a “comprehensive monitoring program strategy that utilizes and expands upon the state’s existing statewide, regional, and other monitoring capabilities and describes how the state will develop an integrated monitoring program that will serve all of the state’s water quality monitoring needs and address all of the state’s waters over time.” Those [recommendations](#) were submitted to the Agency Secretaries in December 2010.

MEETING PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this meeting is for the Monitoring Council to plan further implementation of their recommended monitoring program strategy and to develop additional recommendations to Cal/EPA and the Natural Resources Agency. Meeting topics will include:

- Public Forum: opportunities to address the Council on items not on the agenda
- Announcements and Updates
- Selection of New Council Executive Director
- Implementation of Assembly Bill 1755, the Open and Transparent Water Data Act
- The Future of California's Environmental Data
- Connection with Data Initiatives Outside the Monitoring Council or its Workgroups
- Summary of 2016 Council Accomplishments and 2017 Initiatives
- Monitoring Council Membership

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The meeting agenda and related information will be available at least 10 days prior the meeting on the State Water Board website at:

http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/

Paper copies of the agenda and related documents will also be made available upon request by contacting:

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LOCATION & ACCESS

Map to the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. For security purposes, all visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge at the Visitor Center to the left of the lobby upon entering the building. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the State Water Board's Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 341-5881.

Remote access to the meeting will be available via Global Meet Century Link web and teleconference. Details appear in the agenda.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to the Monitoring Council staff:

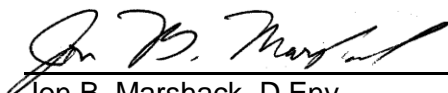
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Date



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