

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL
Monitoring Council Meeting Agenda
Friday, February 23, 2018 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

First Floor, Training Room 1 East/West
 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 (in the room and on the phone) 2) Review draft notes from November 28, 2017 Monitoring Council meeting 3) Review agenda for today's meeting	
Desired Outcome:	a) Approve November 28, 2017 Monitoring Council meeting notes b) Preview what will be covered today and overall meeting expectations c) Adjust today's agenda, as needed	
Attachment Links:	Draft notes from November 28, 2017 Monitoring Council meeting	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones	kristopher.jones@water.ca.gov , (916) 654-4925

ITEM:	2	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	PUBLIC FORUM	10 minutes
Purpose:	Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Monitoring Council relating to any matter within the Council's jurisdiction under California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006) provided the matter is not on the agenda.	

Desired Outcome:	Information and potential agenda topics for a future meeting. No decisions can be made regarding items that have not received prior public notice.	
Attachment Link:	California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006)	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones	kristopher.jones@water.ca.gov , (916) 654-4925

ITEM:	3	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES	20 minutes
Purpose:	<p>These are expected to be brief informational items that could be expanded into more detailed discussions at future meetings:</p> <p>a) New Monitoring Council Director (Karen Larsen and Nick Martorano)</p> <p>b) Endorsement Letter for EcoAtlas Business Plan (Tony Hale)</p>	
Desired Outcome:	Information and comment	
Contact Persons:	Kris Jones	kristopher.jones@water.ca.gov , (916) 654-4925

ITEM:	4	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MONITORING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES	80 minutes
Purpose:	<p>Kris Jones will lead a discussion regarding the Monitoring Council's future direction, drawing from feedback received during prior Council meetings and recommendations received from the following subcommittees:</p> <p>a) Monitoring Council Strategy and Membership</p> <p>b) Monitoring Council Portals</p>	
Desired Outcome:	Provide direction to Council staff and fellow Council Members as to potential adjustments in approach and initiatives to enhance the Council's success.	
Contact Person:	Kris Jones	kristopher.jones@water.ca.gov , (916) 654-4925

LUNCH		Approx. Time:
On your own. Several restaurants on K Street and in close proximity to building.		60 minutes

ITEM:	5	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	STATE STEWARDSHIP OF THE NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHY DATASET	50 minutes
Purpose:	<p>Jane Schafer-Kramer will present on the Department of Water Resources' new role as State Steward of the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), and will lead a discussion with Kris Jones regarding potential collaborative opportunities moving forward.</p>	
Desired Outcome:	Information and comment	

Attachment Link:	Notes from December 12, 2013 Monitoring Council meeting (Item 2b) State Stewardship for NHD and NWI – summary by Kris Jones (February 2014)	
Contact Person:	Jane Schafer-Kramer	Jane.Schafer-Kramer@water.ca.gov , (916) 653-4441

ITEM:	6	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	AB1755 – UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION	60 minutes
Purpose:	Chris McCready will present on recent updates relating to the Open and Transparent Water Data Act (AB1755), along with opportunities for feedback and review of products developed through those efforts (see attachments below). Kris Jones will then lead a discussion regarding opportunities for collaboration between these efforts—as both the Monitoring Council and AB1755 are considering how best to move forward with their respective strategies (including governance and membership).	
Desired Outcome:	Information and comment	
Attachment Link:	Progress Report for Implementing the Open and Transparent Water Data Act with Initial Draft Strategic Plan and Preliminary Protocols	
Contact Person:	Chris McCready Kris Jones	Christina.McCready@water.ca.gov , (916) 651-9298 kristopher.jones@water.ca.gov , (916) 654-4925

ITEM:	7	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	REVIEW OF THE NEW CALIFORNIA ESTUARIES PORTAL	60 minutes
Purpose:	At the November 28 Monitoring Council meeting, Amye Osti (34 North) presented the new California Estuaries Portal (see item 4). During those discussions Amye and Kris Jones indicated that the Monitoring Council members would have an opportunity to explore the new portal and participate in its review prior to launch. A request for review was distributed to the Monitoring Council members on February 5, in advance of these discussions.	
Desired Outcome:	Receive feedback and guidance on the new portal's design. Also provide approval for the Estuary Portal's launch (estimated March 2018).	
Attachment Link:	Notes from the November 28, 2017 Monitoring Council meeting (Item 4) Notes from the February 23, 2016 Monitoring Council meeting (Item 5d) CA Estuaries Portal – presentation by Val Connor on February 23, 2016 Notes from the August 27, 2015 Monitoring Council meeting (Item 5)	
Contact Person:	Amye Osti	amy@34north.com , (310) 305-8289

ITEM:	8	Approx. Time:
Title of Topic:	NEXT MEETING AGENDA	10 minutes
Purpose:	Plan agenda for the May 30, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting in Costa Mesa, CA. Potential items include:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continued Monitoring Council strategic planning b) Continued discussions regarding collaborative opportunities with AB 1755. c) Opportunities for Improving Water Quality in California's Marine Protected Areas. d) Interagency Ecological Program governance model – fostering ad hoc teams for specific tasks (Greg Erickson and Sakura Evans of CDFW) e) STORMs Monitoring Coordination Framework (Matthew Freese) f) Monitoring Council Annual Conference
Desired Outcome:	Develop agenda ideas for the May 30, 2018 meeting
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