

Current Language

G. Data Management Workgroup

The Monitoring Council has determined that a Data Management Workgroup is needed to develop a recommended strategy for water quality and related ecosystem data sharing and integration between state agencies and others. The scope of the strategy should include those information management, Internet, and GIS issues for which standardization is essential to the efficient delivery of information to the user. The Data Management Workgroup should focus on the infrastructure necessary to support the *My Water Quality* internet portals being developed by the theme-specific workgroups, should endeavor not to delay portal development, and should estimate the costs of its recommendations. To the extent practicable, the Data Management Workgroup should refrain from determining portal content. The Data Management Workgroup will be formed and operate in a manner similar to the theme-specific workgroups discussed above and will coordinate with the California Office of the State Chief Information Officer on statewide information technology standards. Due to the wide variety of data types involved, the Monitoring Council believes that the Natural Resources Agency should lead the Data Management Workgroup effort.

Draft Proposed Language

F. Data Utilization Workgroup

The Monitoring Council has determined that a Data Utilization Workgroup is needed to create protocols and guidance for utilizing data effectively across monitoring programs. The Data Utilization Workgroup should be charged directly by the Monitoring Council and progress reviewed on at least an annual basis. Areas where the Data Utilization Workgroup should continuously focus include:

1. Review of current workgroup portals and visualizations and providing recommendations for improvements.
2. Actively identify and provide use-cases from the Monitoring Council workgroups to support the Open and Transparent Water Data Act (AB 1755, Dodd 2016) effort.
3. Identify and present larger statewide data issues and solutions to the Monitoring Council.