

# CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

## MONITORING COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 – 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Due to COVID-19, this meeting is being held remotely



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Meetings of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Monitoring Council) are open to the public. Times indicated in the agenda are approximate. The order of agenda items is subject to change. Actions of the Monitoring Council are advisory to the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Natural Resources Agency.

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<b>ITEM: 1</b>	<b>Timeslot: 10:00 – 10:10</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	1) Introductions (in the room and on the phone) 2) Review draft action items from the July 1, 2020 Monitoring Council meeting 3) Review agenda for today's meeting
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	a) Approve July 1, 2020 Monitoring Council meeting action items b) Preview what will be covered today and overall meeting expectations c) Adjust today's agenda, as needed
<b>Attachment Link:</b>	<a href="#">July 1, 2020 Monitoring Council meeting action items</a>
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<b>ITEM: 2</b>	<b>Timeslot: 10:10 – 10:15</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Monitoring Council relating to any matter within the Council's jurisdiction under <a href="#">California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006)</a> provided the matter is not on the agenda.
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Information and potential agenda topics for a future meeting. No decisions can be made regarding items that have not received prior public notice.
<b>Attachment Link:</b>	<a href="#">California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006)</a>
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<b>ITEM: 3</b>	<b>Timeslot: 10:15 – 10:45</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	These are expected to be brief informational items that could be expanded into more detailed discussions at future meetings: a) Monitoring Council Member Updates (All) b) Director Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CASQA Presentation</li> <li>• Wetland Workgroup Update</li> <li>• National Council Conference Update</li> <li>• Discussion with Tara Moran – Funding Opportunity</li> </ul>
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Enlightenment
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<b>ITEM: 4</b>	<b>Timeslot: 10:45 – 11:30</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>COUNCIL MOU UPDATE</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discuss in an open forum the progress on the MOU and steps to brief the Agency Secretaries.
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Review of the MOU Feedback and discussion about the next steps.
<b>Attachment Link</b>	<a href="#">Draft MOU August 2020</a>
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<b>ITEM: 5</b>	<b>Timeslot: 11:30 – 12:15</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>SEWERSHED SURVEILLANCE FOR COVID - 19</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Division of Water Quality Staff will provide information on the new multi-agency Sewershed Surveillance Project to address the transport of COVID-19 and future pathogens. The Council can discuss ways it could potentially add value to this effort.
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Enlightenment and partnership opportunities
<b>Attachment Link</b>	<a href="#">Information from the August 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting</a> ; <a href="#">Recording of Presentation</a>
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<b>ITEM: 6</b>	<b>Timeslot: 12:15 – 12:30</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY UPDATE</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Community Engagement Team has received 100 responses and recently completed an instrument giveaway. What now?
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Enlightenment and feedback on next steps.
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<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Timeslot: 12:30 – 1:00</b>
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<b>ITEM: 7</b>	<b>Timeslot: 1:00 – 2:00</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>MOLECULAR METHODS SOP UPDATE</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discuss and provide feedback on the following SOPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Best practices</a></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Water DNA sampling</a></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Data reporting standards</a></li> </ul>
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Feedback and discussion on the recent work products of the Molecular Methods Workgroup
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<b>ITEM: 8</b>	<b>Timeslot: 2:00 – 2:45</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>GUIDANCE FOR USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND METHODS IN CALIFORNIA</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	As new pollutants of concern are identified and new technologies are developed to monitor and measure those pollutants, there is an increasing need to provide guidance on how to take new technology and method from the testing stage to the implementation stage. Currently there is no guidance in place for stakeholders interested in navigating California's monitoring construct.
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Discuss the needs from an ELAP perspective and potential ways the Council could fulfill those needs.
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<b>ITEM: 9</b>	<b>Timeslot: 2:45 – 3:45</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Discuss the Council's Strategic Priorities and outline how to move forward with setting actionable projects.
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Define the Council's Priorities and develop an action plan to populate the project portfolio.
<b>Attachment Link</b>	<a href="#">Strategic Plan Summary</a>
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<b>ITEM: 10</b>	<b>Timeslot: 3:45 – 4:00</b>
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING AGENDA</b>
<b>Purpose:</b>	Plan agenda for the next Monitoring Council meeting on December 3, 2020. a) Modeling Presentation – Martha Sutula b) Workgroup Updates? c) Others?
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Develop agenda ideas for the next Monitoring Council meeting
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