

California Water Quality Monitoring Council Status Update

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and Analysis (OIMA)

The needs that generated SB1070:

Everyone needs Water Quality data

- ◆ Status of waters
- ◆ Public safety and comfort
- ◆ Effectiveness of programs

Resources for monitoring are limited

- ◆ Budgets small and unstable
- ◆ Need to coordinate (consistency issues)

Information not reasonably accessible

- ◆ Multiple agencies collecting data
- ◆ 100's of Water Bond grant recipients
- ◆ No single place to access data

Structure to meet these needs:

California Water Quality Monitoring Council

- ☑ MOU Cal/EPA and Resources (Signed Nov 2007)
- ☑ Monitoring Inventory (April 2008)
- 💧 Monitoring Recommendations (Dec 2008)

Public Information Program (Water Boards)

- 💧 Water Quality Data
- 💧 Programmatic Information

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Implemented steps to date:

- ☑ Workgroup
- ☑ \$120K for Contract support
- ☑ Preliminary Inventory
- ☑ Public Information Website
- ☑ Ftp site for Council
- ☑ Signed MOU
- ☑ Council formed
- ☑ Council convened

Council Members

- Jonathan Bishop, *State Water Board*
- Joe Grindstaff (Alternates: Terry Macauley & Sam Harader), *Resources Agency*
- Rufus Howell, *CDPH*
- Geoff Brosseau, *CASQA*
- Roberta L Larson, *Somach, Simmons, & Dunn*
- Parry Klassen, *ESJWQ Coalition*
- Steven Steinberg, *Klamath Watershed Institute*
- Linda Sheehan, *California Coastkeeper Alliance*
- Steve Weisberg, *SCCWRP*

First meeting summary

- ◆ Meeting held June 23, 2008
- ◆ Outlined tasks, formulated report framework, identified workgroups
 - ◆ August 18th – Sacramento
 - ◆ October 15th – SCCWRP
 - ◆ November 17th - Sacramento
- ◆ Support staff will continue work on the web site and draft report tasks as identified by Council members and workgroups

Next things required:

California Water Quality Monitoring Council

- ◆ Monitoring Strategy and Recommendations (Dec 2008)

Public Information Program (Water Boards)

- ◆ Pilot public water quality information portal
- ◆ Water quality data coordinated access
- ◆ Index of monitoring resources and data sources
- ◆ Programmatic information