

CTAG MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SCCWRP Headquarters
3535 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

1. **Introductions and review of the agenda** 9:00-9:10
The CTAG Chair will open the meeting and review the agenda.
2. **Executive Director's report** 9:10-9:30
The Executive Director will report on current activities of the agency.
3. **Contract review** 9:30-9:40
The Executive Director will describe new contracts that will be presented for Commission endorsement at their upcoming meeting.
4. **New projects** 9:40-10:00
SCCWRP staff will present short briefings on the following recently initiated projects:
 - i. Standardization of debris enumeration methods (Shelly Moore)
 - ii. Scientific Advisory Committee for San Diego Association of Governments (Eric Stein)
5. **Recommendations for enhancing the quality and access to member agency long-term monitoring data sets** 10:00 -10:30
Jeff Armstrong will describe the feedback received on his presentation to the SCCWRP Commission about monitoring data archiving. David Gillett will describe preliminary findings from analyses of the historic benthic infaunal data. CTAG will discuss next steps regarding long-term monitoring data sets.
6. **Bight'18 planning** 10:30 -10:50
Ken Schiff will describe the process and timing for planning of the Bight'18 regional monitoring program.
7. **California Ocean Science Trust's condition assessment for the South California coast** 10:50 -11:20
Ken Schiff will provide a summary of the California Ocean Science Trust's recent condition assessment for the southern California coast and how that compares with assessments from SCCWRP's Bightwide regional monitoring program.
8. **SCCWRP Symposium** 11:20-11:30 pm
CTAG will provide feedback on the 2017 SCCWRP Symposium that was held on March 1.
9. **Scientific Collecting Permits** 11:30 -12:00

Steve Wertz (California Department of Fish and Wildlife) will describe DFW's new scientific collecting permit process and how it affects the SCCWRP member agencies.

10. Lunch 12:00-1:00

11. Environmental flows 1:00 -1:40

Eric Stein will describe SCCWRP's latest research regarding flow needs for streams and how that relates to bioassessment tools.

12. Bioassessment update 1:40 -2:20

Raphael Mazor will describe recent advances SCCWRP has achieved in development of bioassessment tools.

13. Management application of SCCWRP's bioassessment science 2:20 - 3:00

Ken Schiff will describe how SCCWRP's bioassessment work is being utilized by the State Water Board in their new Bioassessment/Biostimulatory policy, by the Regional Boards in their 303(d) assessment and by stormwater agencies in their Integrated Regional Water Quality Improvement Plans.

14. Research planning 3:00-3:45

CTAG will develop a strategy for future research planning, including addressing several short-term needs:

a. **Review of thematic research plans**

CTAG will vote on adoption of the nutrients and regional monitoring theme research plan.

b. **SCCWRP 2016-2017 Research Plan**

CTAG will review the Executive Summary Research Plan that will be submitted to the Commission for approval in June

c. **Planning for a potential intersessional research planning meeting on debris research**

CTAG will decide if there is sufficient member agency interest in elevating debris to a SCCWRP research theme.

d. **Performance evaluation intersessional planning committee**

Richard Boon will report on progress from the performance evaluation intersessional research planning committee.

15. Wrap-up and future CTAG meeting agenda items 3:45-4:00

CTAG will summarize recommendations to the Commission from this meeting and suggest agenda items for future CTAG meetings.

16. Adjourn 4:00