

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY
ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (ELAP) EXPERT REVIEW PANEL**

**August 10-13, 2015
Meeting agenda**

To be held at:
CalEPA Headquarters
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

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Day 1 – Monday, August 10 (open to public)
Byron Sher Auditorium

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| 9:30 | Welcome and introductions | Steve Weisberg
SCCWRP |
| 9:40 | Opening remarks | Lara Phelps
Review Panel Chair |
| 10:00 | Actions taken in response to initial Panel recommendations | Christine Sotelo
SWRCB |
| | a) Develop a communications strategy | |
| | b) Meet with your clients | |
| | c) Re-energize ELTAC | |
| | d) Review/update method checklists | |
| | e) Temporarily accept accreditation/evaluations
from a recognized program to lessen your backlog | |
| 11:15 | Stakeholder Advisory Committee
Comments on actions taken to date | Andy Eaton
Eurofins Eaton Analytical |
| 11:30 | Public comments on actions taken to date | |
| 12:00 | Break | |

Input requested by the Panel on issues they are considering

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| 1:00 | What is the best way for California to develop auditing standards? | |
| | ISO 17025 and/or TNI standards | Chris Gunning
A2LA |

	Develop State-specific or hybrid standards	Alfredo Sotamayor Formerly State of Wisconsin
	ELAP view for the best way to develop auditing standards	Christine Sotelo SWRCB
2:30	Break	
2:45	Should California use third parties to assist with inspections and/or accreditation?	
	Challenges faced by California program, auditor qualifications/training, staffing needs	Christine Sotelo SWRCB
	Alternative models for using third parties	Chris Gunning A2LA
	Arguments for a third party program	Bruce Godfrey Curtis & Tompkins
	Concerns with using third parties	David Kimbrough City of Pasadena
4:00	Comments from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee	Andy Eaton Eurofins Eaton Analytical
4:30	Public comments	
5:30	Adjourn for the day	
6:00	Dinner (Panel members & State personnel)	

Day 2 – Tuesday, August 11

CalEPA Room 550

- 8:00 Panel deliberations (panel members only)
- 9:00 Interviews with clients of ELAP (panel members only)

Department of Toxic Substance Control

Carol Wortham, QA Manager

John Quinn, Supervisor-Environmental Chemistry Laboratory

Bruce LaBelle, Chief-Hazardous Materials Laboratory

California Air Resources Board

Michael Werst, Branch Chief

Michael Benjamin, Chief - Monitoring and Laboratory Division

California Department of Public Health

Dave Mazzera – Former Acting Chief of the Drinking Water Program

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Gail Cho – Quality assurance manager

Pete Ode – Laboratory Director, Water Pollution Control Laboratory

Dave Crane – Laboratory Program Manager

US Food and Drug Administration - Shellfish Sanitation

Linda Chandler – Auditor/ELAP Trainer

State Water Resources Control Board/Regional Board Programs

Bruce Burton, Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Drinking Water

11:00 Panel deliberations (panel members only)

5:00 Adjourn for the day

6:00 Dinner (panel members only)

Day 3 – Wednesday, August 12

CalEPA Room 2510

8:00 Panel deliberations (panel members only)

Panel Report Out (open to public)

CalEPA Coastal Hearing Room (also available through webcast)

3:00 The Panel's recommendations

Lara Phelps
Panel Chair

3:30 Public comments and questions for the Panel

4:45 Summary and future meeting dates

Steve Weisberg
SCCWRP

5:00 Adjourn for the day

Day 4 – Thursday, August 13

CalEPA Room 2510

8:00 Panel deliberations to consider public comments, develop assignments for preparing the Panel report, and begin report preparation (panel members only)

5:00 Adjourn