



# The California ELAP Expert Review Panel: Report Out – First Meeting

MARCH 19, 2015



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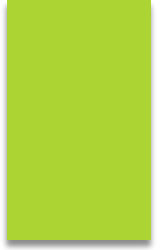
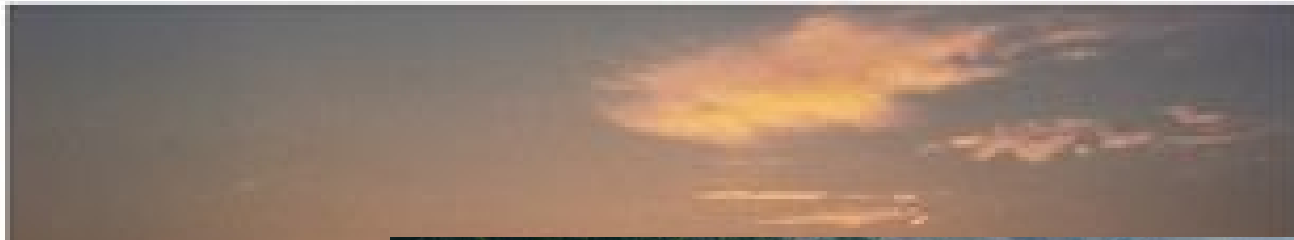
# PANEL PROCESS (Tentative Schedule)

- ▶ Four meetings over two years
- ▶ Year one - three meetings:
  - ▶ First – Information gathering for the Panel (March 2015)
  - ▶ Second – Working session to prepare a draft report (July 2015)
  - ▶ Third – Presenting draft report for feedback (October 2015)
- ▶ First Report Released – November 2015
- ▶ Year two – last meeting (October 2016)
  - ▶ Evaluate ELAP response to Report
  - ▶ Issue a Final Report – December 2016



# SCHEDULE

- ▶ First Meeting (Open) - Costa Mesa, CA; March 17 – 19, 2015
- ▶ Second Meeting (Open/Panel Only) – Costa Mesa, CA; August 10 – 13, 2015
- ▶ Third Meeting (Open) – Costa Mesa, CA; October 14 – 16, 2015
- ▶ First Report Release – November 2015
- ▶ Forth Meeting – Costa Mesa, CA; October 2016
- ▶ Final Report Release – Target December 2016



# MISSION

Implementation of a sustainable accreditation program to effectively evaluate the competency of organizations generating environmental and public health data of known and documented quality to meet stakeholder needs.

VISION: Through the effective implementation and demonstration of a sustainable program, California should become a leader in accreditation of environmental and public health programs.



# OUTLINE

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Problems to be Addressed
- ▶ Immediate Recommendations – 3 Months
- ▶ Mid-Term Recommendations – Year One
- ▶ Long-Term Recommendations – Over 2 – 5 Years



# IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Communication Strategy
  - ▶ Initial Announcement – Introductions (e.g., management team, new hires, initial reforms)
  - ▶ Establishment of listserv; Redesign/Update website
  - ▶ Public Presentations – Environmental Measurement Symposium
- ▶ Reenergize Environmental Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee (ELTAC)
  - ▶ New ELTAC charter (Modeled after Federal Advisory Committee Structure)
  - ▶ ELAP define tasks / Respond to all recommendations
  - ▶ Staff review all ELTAC method checklists against current methods
    - ▶ Serves as a training tool for staff
    - ▶ Helps establish a system for conducting assessments

# IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS (cont.)

- ▶ Meet with ELAP Clients
  - ▶ Introduce yourself and clarify role (not solely a water program)
  - ▶ Find out their needs
  - ▶ Establish an ongoing line of communication (consider formalizing in the future)
- ▶ Accept Accreditation from TNI Accreditation Bodies and/or Utilize Onsite Evaluations Conducted through an Internationally Recognized Program
  - ▶ Immediately for minimum of a year
  - ▶ Allows reduction to backlog and further prioritization of those needing new (or renewed) assessments

# IMMEDIATE STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

- ▶ Additional information for our consideration
- ▶ FEEDBACK RESPONSES DUE BY APRIL 30, 2015 – Send to:
  - ▶ Steve Weisberg
  - ▶ [steview@sccwrp.org](mailto:steview@sccwrp.org)

# SECOND MEETING

- ▶ Public Session & Interviews – August 10, 2015; 1:00 – 5:30 pm
- ▶ Panel Only – August 11 – 13, 2015
- ▶ Public Webinar Report Out – August 13, 2015; 10:00 – 11:00 am



QUESTIONS???

