

# **WELCOME TO THE ELAP REVIEW PANEL MEETING**



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# BACKGROUND

- **The State Water Board asked for a programmatic review of ELAP**
  - Coincided with repositioning of ELAP from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Board
- **That first round of that review took place in 2015**
  - Review was conducted by a Panel of five independent experts
  - The Panel produced its report in October 2015
- **The review was established as a two part process**
  - Have the Panel return a year later to assess whether ELAP has been responsive to the Panel suggestions
  - To also assess whether further mid-course corrections were needed

# STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Help select the Review Panel members**
  - Technically qualified
  - Free from bias
- **Assist in formulating Review Panel charge questions**
- **Help develop the Review Panel meeting agendas**
  - Identify speakers to ensure the Panel hears a range of perspectives

# CHARGE QUESTIONS

**1) Has California ELAP been responsive to the recommendations provided by the Panel in their initial review?**

a) Did ELAP provide appropriate rationale for any deviations from the Panel suggestions?

**2) Has the program become more effective as a result of those changes?**

**3) Do you have any modifications to the advice you provided in October 2015 as a result of lessons learned by the program in the last year?**

**4) What are the biggest challenges remaining for the program?**

**5) Is the timeline outlined by ELAP for meeting these remaining challenges appropriate?**

**6) The Panel recommendations from the first review focused on activities needed to address to meet minimum program acceptability. What new activities does the Panel suggest the program engage in next to take it beyond minimum acceptability?**

**7) This is the last meeting of the Review Panel. What metrics should the program use in the future to self-assess how well it is progressing toward its goal of becoming one of the best laboratory accreditation programs in the nation?**

# LETS START WITH INTRODUCTIONS

- **Panel members**
- **Stakeholder advisory committee**
- **State Board staff**
- **Other attendees**

# AGENDA

- **Presentations by ELAP leadership**
  - What they have accomplished in the past 16 months
- **Stakeholder perspectives about the program**
- **Public comment**
- **Day 2: Deliberations**
  - Plus closed session interviews with the ELAP staff
- **Day 3: Panel report out**
  - The Panel will describe their initial thoughts and schedule for completion
  - There will also be a call-in option for that session