



# The California ELAP Expert Review Panel: Opening Remarks

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# OVERVIEW

- ▶ What Happened in March?
- ▶ What's Happened Since March?
- ▶ What Issues Emerged?
  - ▶ Quality Systems Webinar
  - ▶ Topics for Face-to-Face Meeting
- ▶ What's Next?
- ▶ Questions?

# 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.



# IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Communication Strategy
- ▶ Reenergize Environmental Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee (ELTAC)
- ▶ Meet with ELAP Clients
- ▶ Accept Accreditation from TNI Accreditation Bodies and/or Utilize Onsite Evaluations Conducted through an Internationally Recognized Program

# PANEL MEETINGS

- ▶ Meetings:
  - ▶ Bi-monthly Teleconferences Since April
  - ▶ Public Webinar on Quality Systems in June
  - ▶ Informal Discussions Face-to-Face in July at Chicago, IL Meeting
- ▶ Information:
  - ▶ Presentations and Background Provided during First Meeting
  - ▶ Stakeholder Feedback Supplied after First Meeting
  - ▶ General Information Requests

# QUALITY SYSTEMS WEBINAR

- ▶ Clearly Define Quality Management System
- ▶ Discuss Pros/Cons:
  - ▶ Municipal Laboratory Perspective
  - ▶ Small Commercial Laboratory Perspective
- ▶ Information Consideration for Topic of Stakeholder Concern to Scope of Program, Especially Smaller Laboratories



# INFORMATION GATHERING CONTINUED

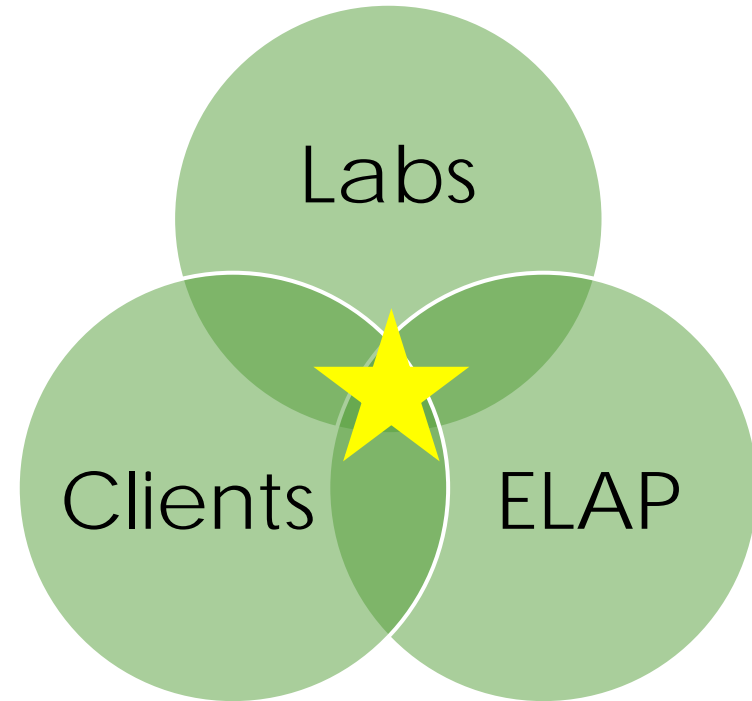
- ▶ Updates on Immediate Recommendations
- ▶ Standards Development Options
- ▶ Assessments/Inspections by Third Parties
- ▶ ELAP Client Interviews

# DELIBERATION

- ▶ Report Out – Wednesday, August 12 at 3:00pm
- ▶ Outline of Panel Recommendation Topics
- ▶ Remaining Schedule:
  - ▶ Third Meeting (Open) – Costa Mesa, CA; October 14 – 16, 2015
  - ▶ First Report Released – November 2015
  - ▶ Forth Meeting – Costa Mesa, CA; October 2016
  - ▶ Final Report Release – Target December 2016

# ★ COMPROMISE

A settlement of differences in which each side makes concessions.







QUESTIONS???

