

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT

What is SCCWRP?

SCCWRP is a Joint Powers Authority created by a unique collaboration of 14 member agencies, including sanitation, stormwater, and regulatory agencies, working together to infuse science into their environmental management activities.

Who is SCCWRP?

SCCWRP has approximately 50 full-time staff members; more than 65% of the staff hold advanced scientific degrees.

What does SCCWRP do?

- Serves as a national leader in water quality and aquatic habitat research.
- Brings new monitoring and assessment techniques to the forefront of application.
- Builds consensus among diverse groups of stakeholders.
- Houses several laboratories and a regional data-sharing center.

Member Agencies

California State Water Resources Control Board
California Regional Water Quality Control Boards,
Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and San Diego
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
California Ocean Protection Council
City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Orange County Sanitation District
City of San Diego
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Orange County Public Works
County of San Diego

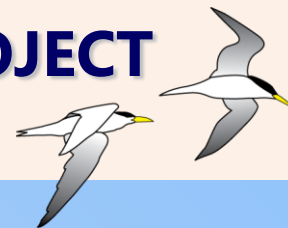


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SCCWRP investigates ways in which humans affect the coastal environment and vice-versa.

SCCWRP studies a variety of coastal aquatic environments, from watersheds to the ocean.



- SCCWRP scientists conduct impartial research to answer questions such as "Is the ecosystem healthy?" and "Is it safe to swim?"
- Research themes include regional monitoring, contaminants, stormwater, wetlands, nutrients, beach water quality, marine debris, and information management.



SCCWRP transitions new beach sand monitoring techniques to the user community.



SCCWRP hosts an annual symposium to exchange knowledge with member agency staff.

SCCWRP provides a vital linkage between coastal environmental science and management.

- The SCCWRP Commission is made up of leaders from each member agency, representing both regulatory and regulated perspectives.
- This unique collaboration promotes integration of the latest scientific findings into environmental management practices.
- SCCWRP's structure forms a basis for positive interaction among government, nonprofit, and academic organizations.

SCCWRP conducts nearly all of its projects in partnership with other organizations.

- Partnerships are essential to building scientific consensus and effectively informing policy objectives.
- Pooling resources enables partners to more cost-effectively implement projects, utilize specialized skills, and obtain more robust results.
- Collaboration allows SCCWRP to engage audiences on a statewide, national, and global level.



SCCWRP and partners pilot test a new sediment quality assessment technology.

Featured Project: Southern California Bight Regional Monitoring Program

Every five years SCCWRP facilitates a regional monitoring survey of the Southern California Bight, coordinating over 90 participating organizations to produce a spatially extensive, holistic assessment of environmental conditions.