State of California Constituents of Emerging Concern Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Science Advisory Panel

Meeting #1

January 12, 2010 Costa Mesa, CA



BACKGROUND

- State of California formed an emerging contaminants scientific advisory panel for recycled water
 - Panel first met in September
- The State also requires a strategy for monitoring and management of emerging contaminants in discharged water
- Much of the expertise required for developing an ambient water strategy is similar to that for recycled waters
- Packard Foundation has partnered with the State to form a second panel that leverages the State's investment in the recycled panel
 - SCCWRP has been asked to facilitate the panel

QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

- What are the relative contributions of contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) discharged into coastal aquatic ecosystems from wastewater and stormwater?
- What specific CECs, if any, are most appropriate for monitoring in discharges to coastal aquatic systems and what are the applicable monitoring methods and detection limits?
- How are these priority constituents affected by the chemistry, biology, and physics of treatment in wastewater systems, by discharge into and transport by coastal streams, rivers and estuaries, and as a result of mixing and dilution with receiving coastal and ocean waters?
- What approaches should be used to assess biological effects of CECs to sentinel species in coastal aquatic systems?
- What is the appropriate design (e.g. media, frequency, locations) for a CEC monitoring and biological effects assessment program, given the current state of the art?
 - What level of effects will be detectable with such a monitoring program and how will its sensitivity vary with investment?
- What concentrations of CECs or levels of biological effects should trigger further actions and what options should be considered for further actions?

EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS

- Dr. Paul Anderson
 - Human Health Toxicologist
 - Arcadis US
- Dr. Nancy Denslow
 - Biochemist
 - University of Florida
- Dr. Jörg Drewes
 - Civil Engineer
 - Colorado School of Mines

- Dr. Adam Olivieri
 - Risk Assessor
 - EOA Incorporated
- Dr. Daniel Schlenk
 - Environmental Toxicologist
 - UC Riverside
- Dr. Shane Snyder
 - Analytical Chemist
 - Total Environmental Solutions,
 Inc
- Dr. Tracy Collier
 - Marine Resources
 - NOAA

PANEL MEMBER SELECTION

- Started with members of the Recycled Water Panel
 - Wanted continuity between panels
 - All panel members expressed interest in continuing
- Panel asked if they needed additional expertise
 - Also asked project sponsors
- Identified two needs: marine resources and physical oceanography
 - Determined that physical oceanography needs can be better addressed by consultation
- Vetted four marine resources candidates through stakeholder advisory committee

STAKEHOLDER ADVISORS

- Jim Colston (Tri-TAC)
- Mark Gold (Heal the Bay)
- Chris Crompton (CA Stormwater Quality Association)
- Linda Sheehan (CA Coastkeeper Alliance)
- Amber Mace (CA Ocean Protection Council)
- Rick Moss (State Water Resources Control Board)

SCHEDULE

- Two-year project to be completed July 2011
- Meeting #1: Jan 2010
 - Defining/refining the charge
 - Perspectives of interested parties
 - Identify short term data gaps
- Meeting #2: Summer 2010
 - Working meeting to address charge questions
- Meeting #3: Winter 2010
 - Present preliminary findings
 - Outline draft report
- Meeting #4: Spring 2011
 - Complete draft report for public comments