

CTAG Report to the Commission

March 8, 2013

CTAG Chair: Wanda Cross

Items Discussed by CTAG

- Joint meeting with San Francisco Estuary Institute
- SCCWRP Symposium
- 2013-14 Research Plan
- New project presentation: Sediment Quality Objectives (SQO) and Total Maximum Daily Load Application in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach
- Mid-term project presentation: DNA barcoding
- Historical monitoring data

Recommendations

- Clarification of CTAG leadership structure
- Endorsement of ocean acidification presentation
- Approval of revised fact sheet on hydromodification
- Endorsement of contracts

CTAG Leadership Structure

- Wanda Cross (Santa Ana Regional Board) elected as Chair
- CTAG recommends revising traditional structure to be inclusive of stormwater member agencies:
 - Elect one Chair & two Vice-Chairs
 - Include one representative from each of three sectors
 - Each serves a one-year term
- Do we need Commission approval?

Ocean Acidification

- At last meeting, Commission tasked CTAG with evaluating issue and SCCWRP role
 - Will hear CTAG-endorsed presentation today from Steve Weisberg
- Ocean acidification is a key issue for the West Coast
- We need to determine the importance of local aqueous and aerial carbon and nutrient discharges as a sources of nearshore acidification
 - Potential exists for these sources to intensify effects
 - Existing data is inadequate to address the concern
 - Requires monitoring and modeling
- SCCWRP has an important role to play locally in developing the monitoring network and modeling tools

Fact Sheet

- CTAG recommends the Commission consider and approve the hydromodification fact sheet
 - Memo and highlighted version provided for reference
- You will be asked to provide commentary on appropriateness of messaging and level of detail

Contracts

- CTAG reviewed the following contracts
- 3: California Data Center
- 4: LA Watersheds CEC Screening Study
- 5: CECs Monitoring Plan
- 10: Molecular Toxicity Identification

- Recommend acceptance