

# **SUMMARY OF REVIEW PANEL FINDINGS**

**Presentation to SCCWRP Commission**

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# BIG PICTURE

- **SCCWRP is one of the premier water quality research organizations in the world**
  - A small agency with a disproportionately large impact on environmental decisions
- **Most organizations focus on outputs; SCCWRP focuses on outcomes**
  - And we are successful in that regard
- **There is nothing broken that requires an immediate fix**
  - However, there are several aspects that can be improved

# WHY WE ARE SUCCESSFUL

- **The organizational structure**
  - Commission is unique vehicle for connecting science with management
  - CTAG is a wonderful mechanism for ensuring relevancy and facilitating adoption of the products
- **We have a focused mission**
- **Base funding provides flexibility to address relevant issues**
  - Also allows us to stay true to the mission
- **Our commitment to partnership**
  - Facilitating scientific consensus
- **Staff continuity**
  - Fosters development of relationships

# AREAS FOR POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT

- **Take the CTAG relationship to the next level**
  - We need to make you our partners, rather than just reviewers
- **Reconsider the funding model**
  - Base funding has been flat and it is lessening SCCWRP's ability to take on new issues
  - Too high a percentage (77%) of our funding comes from regulatory agencies
- **Keep focusing on communication**
  - Make sure to do so internally as well
- **Add climate change to the research portfolio**
  - Not in the report, but its the one topical area they told me is missing
  - Has the potential to affect management in many ways

# **AGENDA FOR SCCWRP COMMISSION'S FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

- 9:00 Meeting goals and review of previous strategic planning meetings**
- 9:30 Report from the expert review panel and discussion of their findings**
- 10:00 Actions staff will take in response to expert panel recommendations**
- 11:00 Revisit SCCWRP's mission statement, goals and performance metrics**
- 1:00 Review of the proposed CTAG charter**
- 2:00 Review of the organization's funding model and financial structure**
- 3:30 Consider recycled water as a potential new SCCWRP research focus**
- 4:30 Summary of decisions and action items**
- 5:00 Adjourn**

# PARTICIPANTS

- **The Commissioners**
- **The Alternate Commissioners**
- **CTAG**
  - The three CTAG Chairs
- **Chair of the External Review Panel**