

# ***CTAG Report to the Commission***

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# ***CTAG Meeting Agenda***

***November 14, 2014***

- Future Meeting Dates
  - New default schedule is one month before Commission Mtg
  - 2/5, 5/7, 8/13, 11/12
- Executive Director's Report
- ***Contract Review***
- New Projects
  - Percentage of human fecal contribution to urban runoff
- ***SCCWRP Annual Report***
- ***Update on Research Planning Workshops***
- ***SCCWRP 2015-2016 Research Planning***
- Information Management and Analysis Presentations
- SCCWRP Symposium Planning



# ***Contract Review***

- Six Contracts Provided to CTAG
  - Same six as before the Commission today
  - Very little discussion on contracts by CTAG
- CTAG recommends Commission approval of all six contracts



# ***SCCWRP Annual Report***

- **CTAG Understands the Need**
  - Condense content for Commissioners, member agency boards, and environmental management community
- **CTAG Supports the Concept but has Some Concerns**
  - Main article does not link specifically to SCCWRP's research
  - Little continuity between feature article, mini-articles, and abstracts
  - Does not discuss all of SCCWRP's research areas/activities in the past year
  - Needs a formal review process, likely by CTAG, to ensure the “story” is consistent with the science
- **CTAG Needs Guidance from Commission**
  - Communication tool only or is it also a summary of all research areas/activities?



# ***Research Planning Update***

- **Chemicals of Emerging Concern (CECs)**
  - Workshop held on 10/14/14
  - Many (9) additions to CEC research strategy by CTAG
  - Most resources already aligned with priorities
  - Priorities without current resource support
    - In vivo methods development for apical and molecular endpoints in various habitats (POTW/Reg priority)
    - In situ monitoring studies using toxicity ID and sentinel species (POTW priority)
    - Documentation including SOPs, guidance, and ELAP certification process (POTW/SW priority)
  - Significant support for non-CTAG priority research (>\$100k)
    - Development of better chemical screening methodologies (passive sampling/instrumentation)
- **Information Management and Analysis (IM)**
  - Workshop scheduled for 01/22/15 at SCCWRP



# ***SCCWRP Research Plan 2015-2016***

- Proposed Changes to RP Process and Products
  - Changes due to success of Research Planning Workshops
  - Organize Research Plan around Research Areas
    - Include research in progress, completed, and yet to be done
    - Highlight CTAG's high priority research needs
    - Draft for Sediment Quality reviewed by CTAG
  - Create web-based interface to capture research plan details
    - A living product with frequent (quarterly?) updates
    - May also become organizing framework for SCCWRP website
  - Create a written summary for Commission approval
    - Produced annually by SCCWRP
    - Same CTAG review process as current research plan
    - CTAG recommendation to Commission at June meeting
- CTAG Strongly Supports Proposed New Format, Process, and Products



# ***Summary of CTAG Recommendations to Commission***

- Approve contracts 1-6 (Agenda Item 10)
- Provide CTAG/SCCWRP with Guidance on the Purpose of the Annual Report
- Support Transition to Proposed New Research Plan Development Process and Products



# Questions?

