

DEVELOPING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2017

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BACKGROUND

- **Commission agendas have historically been developed about two weeks prior to the meeting**
- **An enhanced planning window for agendas provides more time for Commissioners to prepare**
 - Would also allow CTAG more time to plan their agendas
- **Commissioners were polled about their preferred topics**
 - We will now share those findings
 - Will use them to begin crafting your future agendas

THREE TYPES OF TOPIC AREAS

- **CTAG topics**
 - CTAG focuses each meeting around a research theme
 - The Commission typically hears a science update about the topic area that CTAG focuses on in their meeting
- **SCCWRP science related to timely management issues**
 - Topics intended to catalyze Commission discussions early in the evolution of management decisions
 - Helps focus SCCWRP research to support management decisions
- **Briefings about emerging issues**
 - Leveraging SCCWRP's scientific knowledge to inform the Commission about up-and-coming issues of management relevance.
 - Not necessarily oriented around SCCWRP research

CTAG TOPICS

- **Debris (3 votes)**
- **Bight'18 planning (2 votes)**
- **Bioassessment/biostimulatory monitoring and interpretation (6 votes)**
- **Contaminants of emerging concern (6 votes)**
- **Information management and analysis (2 votes)**

SCCWRP SCIENCE RELATED TO TIMELY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- **Topics suggested in the memo**
 - Adequacy of QMRA for regulatory applications (7 votes)
 - Sea level rise predictions and SCCWRP work to quantify effects (6 votes)
 - State Board workshop on CECs (6 votes)
 - EPA requirements for demonstrating acceptability of rapid microbiological measurement methods (6 votes)
 - Findings of the ELAP Review Panel (3 votes)
- **Additional topics suggested by Commissioners**
 - Environmental flow (Karen Larsen)
 - Use of bioassessment scores for 303(d) listing (Amanda Carr)
 - SMC toxicity comparability assessment studies (Robert Ferrante)
 - Drought effects on treatment processes (Peter Vroom)
 - Acidification and hypoxia annual update (Robert Ferrante)

BRIEFINGS ABOUT EMERGING ISSUES

- **Topics suggested in the memo**
 - Cost benefit analysis of wet-weather bacterial standards (7 votes)
 - EPA's directions with coliphage as a potential new Rec 1 criteria (6 votes)
 - California Ocean Science Trust's five year assessment about the condition of the Southern California coast (5 votes)
 - EPA's new cyanotoxin criteria (5 votes)
 - California Fish and Wildlife's new approach to evaluating scientific collecting permit applications (4 votes)
 - How metals availability is affected by acidification (4 votes)
 - Status of site specific objectives in California (4 votes)
 - Potential beneficial uses that incorporate cultural issues (3 votes)
- **Additional topics suggested by Commissioners**
 - State's new mercury criteria (Gary Hildebrand)
 - San Diego Board climate change resolution (Dave Barker)

TRANSLATING THOSE PREFERENCES INTO DRAFT AGENDAS

- We typically have time for three scientific topics at each meeting
- I started by inserting items that received scores of 6+
- Then looked for related topics to fill in the agendas
 - Often based on anticipated external timing for particular issues
- It's only a starting point for your discussion
 - Ultimate decision about agendas lies with the Commission Chair

STRAW MAN FOR FEEDBACK

- **June**
 - SCCWRP Biassessment/biostimulatory research (CTAG item – 6 votes)
 - Use of bioassessment scores for 303(d) listing (Amanda Carr)
 - Environmental flow (Karen Larsen)
 - California Ocean Science Trust's five year assessment about condition of the Southern California coast (5 votes)
- **September**
 - Adequacy of QMRA for regulatory applications (7 votes)
 - EPA's directions with coliphage as a potential new Rec 1 criteria (6 votes)
 - EPA requirements for demonstrating acceptability of rapid microbiological measurement methods (6 votes)
- **December**
 - Contaminants of emerging concern (CTAG item – 6 votes)
 - EPA's new cyanotoxin criteria (5 votes)
 - California Fish and Wildlife's new approach to evaluating scientific collecting permit applications (4 votes)

TOPICS NOT IN THE STRAWMAN

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