8th Biennial Symposium

- The SCCWRP Symposium was initiated in 2008 to enhance interaction with member agencies
  - Improve communication of research activities
  - Improve accessibility to SCCWRP researchers
  - Give a broader picture to those who know SCCWRP only on an individual project basis

- The Symposium became a biennial event starting in 2013
  - Avoids repetition of scientific content

- This year’s Symposium was held two days ago
SYMPOSIUM STRUCTURE

• Eight one-hour topical sessions
  – Two briefing rooms

• Each session contains three talks
  – 12 minutes each so there is time for questions

• Plenary session
  – The topic was selected by CTAG

• Four hour-long hands-on demonstrations
HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS

• Enables a deeper dive into an emerging issue area
  – Meant to catalyze technical transfer to our member agencies

• One every hour
  – Using hydrologic data to support stream condition assessment
  – 3D visualization of sea level rise in the Tijuana River estuary
  – How to run a cell bioassay for emerging contaminants
  – Portable device for measuring beach water quality in the field
ATTENDANCE

• Each CTAG representative invites up to 12 guests
  – Target audience size: 120

• About 100 guests in attendance

• More than 25 organizations represented
  – Orange County Water District
  – NOAA
  – Water Environment & Reuse Foundation
  – San Francisco Estuary Institute
  – Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
  – Other local municipal agencies
### EVALUATION

- We received 46 evaluation forms
- The scores were even higher than 2015 (a high bar)

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