

BACKGROUND

- **SCCWRP is approaching its 50th Anniversary in October**
- **We want to highlight SCCWRP's "greatest accomplishments" at our celebration event**
 - We will create posters and video stations for the evening walk-around
 - They will also be highlights in next year's Annual Report
- **Prioritizing our successes is not an easy task**
 - Its in they eye of the beholder so we enlisted help in determining them
 - Here is what we learned

APPROACH

- **CTAG helped us identify 40 leading accomplishment candidates, which fell four categories**
 - Technical accomplishments
 - Scientific products
 - Science discourse
 - Ways in which we help advance the use of science in management
 - Internal processes that supported our success
 - An improved environment
 - Ways in which the environment is cleaner as a result of our activities
- **We then asked four entities to rank these candidates**
 - CTAG
 - SCCWRP Department Heads
 - SCCWRP Senior Scientists
 - 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

VOTING OUTCOME

- **28 of the 40 candidates received votes**
 - People told us it was difficult to choose only six
 - Technical accomplishments received more than 300 points
 - Science discourse and internal processes each received about half of that
 - Not many votes for cleaner environment category
- **Voting was similar among the four voter groups**
- **There were eight “successes” that rose above others**
 - 50th Anniversary Planning Committee reviewed them and support their use

	Votes	% voters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical accomplishments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enhanced regional monitoring and assessment (Bight, SMC) – Beach water quality monitoring methods and assessment tools – Biological assessment tools (i.e., BRI, CSCI, ASCI) – Sediment quality objectives – Development of model monitoring programs – Quantifying stormwater runoff quality 	143	100
	69	67
	47	40
	29	27
	11	13
	10	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Forum for developing consensus around emerging science (Commission meetings and workshops) – Support the establishment of management forums and working groups (BWQWG, SCAMIT, WRP) – Determining when science is sufficiently vetted for management application (Expert panels) – Neutral party to evaluate issues and eliminate red herring issues 	86	73
	17	27
	13	13
	11	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal processes that support our success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Diversifying the SCCWRP membership (Regulators/Stormwater agencies) – Emphasis on conducting science collaboratively with other organizations – Collaborative research planning process with CTAG – National reputation for rigor through publication and scientific society leadership 	52	53
	29	33
	21	20
	19	23

TWO UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- **Microplastics measurement methods standardization**
- **Breaking down barriers to routing stormwater through wastewater treatment plants**

MICROPLASTICS METHODS WORKSHOP

- **There are a wide array of methods for measuring microplastics**
 - Two recent pieces of CA legislation encourage method standardization
 - Scientists also recognize the need for standardization
- **We are hosting a workshop April 4-5, bringing in the world's leading experts to facilitate methods standardization**
- **Workshop has two goals**
 - Write a review paper about the state of the science
 - Develop a study design to evaluate and compare a range of methods
- **First day will be public and we have over 100 people registered**
 - We are full, but will make more room for member agency staff

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

- **Many groups have interest in routing stormwater through wastewater treatment plants**
- **However, there are many potential barriers**
 - A mix of engineering, regulatory and relationships (or lack thereof)
- **SCCWRP will host a workshop bringing together wastewater, stormwater and regulatory agencies**
 - Goal is to prioritize the barriers and identify potential solutions
 - Still being scheduled; likely to take place in June/July
- **Conducting this in coordination with SCAP and CASQA**
 - Lisa Haney is the engine behind this and is here to answer any questions

TOP FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- **Aquaculture**
- **Marine debris**
- **Harmful algal blooms**
- **Fisheries**
- **Coastal resilience**