Presentation to the SCCWRP Commission

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BACKGROUND

• The SCCWRP Commission periodically holds an all-day strategic planning meeting
  - Opportunity to look past daily operations and set direction for the organization

• These meetings have been important to the organization’s evolution
  - 2001: Invitation to the Stormwater agencies to join SCCWRP
  - 2001: Determination of the funding model and proper size for the organization
  - 2007: Invitation to the Ocean Protection Council to join SCCWRP
  - 2007: Direct staff to place emphasis on communication
  - 2014: Refining the CTAG Charter and research planning process

• We have not had a Strategic Planning meeting in more than five years
  - We have a large number of new Commissioners since then
POTENTIAL FOCUS TOPICS

• **What have been the secrets to our success over the last 50 years?**
  – Is the research planning process working?
  – Is our scientific review process working?
  – Are the Commission meeting formats effective?
  – Do we have the right people at the table to have the important discussions?

• **What are our biggest research aspirations?**
  – Did you agree with the research vision Ken provided at the 50th Anniversary celebration?
  – We would like to focus our next Annual Report on our future vision

• **How are we doing on communication?**
  – Twelve years ago you asked us to prioritize communication and we created a new position
  – We upgraded our web site and developed new formats for the Annual report and quarterly reports
  – Have those large investments been effective, or how could they be more effective?
THE STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING HAS VARIED

• 2001: Staff was asked to provide answers to Commission questions
  – Strawman answers provided fodder for Commission feedback

• 2007: Meeting preceded by an on-line satisfaction survey
  – Separate surveys for external partners/clients and internal staff
  – Outcomes of the surveys drove the agenda

• 2014: Preceded by an Expert Review Panel evaluating the organization
  – Report from the Panel defined the items for Commission discussion

• Commissioner and Alternates invited to all meetings
  – CTAG invited to participate in the 2014 meeting, but not the earlier ones
PROCESS

• **Suggest forming a Committee to draft an agenda**
  – Bring that to the Commission for approval at your March meeting

• **Timing: Suggest September 2020**
  – We would like six months to prepare once you have an agenda

• **Location: Suggest at SCCWRP**
  – We have held them off-site before, but the facilities here should meet the need