

DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY ASSURANCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE *CERIODAPHNIA DUBIA* TOXICITY TEST

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting #9

Held remotely Monday February 27, 2023, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM PDT

List of Participants:

Facilitators:

- Ken Schiff (SCCWRP)
- Alvina Mehinto (SCCWRP)

Stakeholder Committee members:

- State Water Board - Katie Fong (SWRCB)
- US Environmental Protection Agency - Rochelle Cameron (EPA Region 9)
- Regional Water Quality Control Boards - Veronica Cuevas (RWQCB4)
- Wastewater Agencies - Mitch Mysliwiec (Larry Walker Assoc/CASA)
- Stormwater Agencies - Jian Peng (Orange County Public Works/CASQA)
- Agriculture Organizations - Sarah Lopez (Central Coast Water Quality Preservation Inc)
- Private Laboratories - Peter Arth (Enthalpy Laboratories)
- Public Laboratories - Josh Westfall (Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts)
- Non-Governmental Agencies - Annelisa Moe (Heal the Bay)

Agenda Item #1 - Opening remarks and self-introductions

Ken reviewed the agenda and Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) members provided self-introductions.

Agenda Item #2 – Summary of last meeting and approval of the minutes

Ken reviewed the main topics of discussions and key decisions from the SAC #9, held on January 17, 2023. This summary is also included in the minutes of the last meeting.

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the SAC meeting #9.

Agenda Item #3 – Science Panel recommendations for next steps in the study

Ken presented the Science Panel's recommendations for the next steps. The Panel agreed with all of the stakeholders' suggestions including need for more time, and focus on training and education before planning the 2nd intercalibration exercise.

Stakeholders were informed of the revised schedule approved by the State Water Board. An extension was obtained, and the final report is now due by September 30, 2023.

Agenda Item #4 –Laboratory training and education

Laboratory and education training will consist of two activities: site visits and a roundtable workshop. The SAC discussed the goals and structure of these activities.

Lab visits

Ken explained the goal and process for the site visits. Four out of the 17 participating laboratories will be visited by two Panel members. The labs were selected based on their size, operations and results of Task 1 (i.e., historical data and intercalibration results). The site visits are scheduled for March 14 and 15 and selected labs have been informed.

The goal of the site visit is to further discuss some of the lab practices that differ among laboratories and identify the topics of the roundtables.

Ken assured the stakeholders that the identity of the labs will remain confidential and no proprietary information would be shared with the public.

Roundtable workshop

The overall goal of the workshop is to generate a list of lab techniques that will be standardized in the 2nd intercalibration exercise. All laboratories are invited to participate. The two half-days will be facilitated by SCCWRP and attended by members of the Science Panel. These will be group discussions.

The SAC discussed the topics they would like to see covered, including culturing, food and reporting. These topics are largely consistent with those suggested by the Science Panel. The final decision will be made by the Science Panel after the lab visits.

Agenda item #5 – Public comment

Ken and Alvina addressed public comments provided online.

While only 4 labs will be visited (due to lack of time), all laboratories are invited to attend the workshop and to participate in the 2nd intercalibration exercise.

There were several questions on the process for implementing the final recommendations that will be produced at the end of the project. Katie Fong (SWB) indicated that the final report will most likely be used as best practice guidance. There is currently no plan for official changes to the protocols.

Ken also responded to questions on the data packet for the 1st intercalibration exercise.

Agenda item #6 –Next steps

Ken described the next steps of the project including:

- Planning for the site visits in Mid-March
- Scheduling of roundtable workshop for end of March
- Beginning to design the 2nd intercalibration exercise.

The next SAC meeting, SAC#11, has been scheduled for March 28, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.