

CTAG Report to the Commission

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CTAG Meeting Agenda

August 14, 2014

- Executive Director's Report
- Contract Review
- New Projects
 - Causal assessment demonstration project in San Diego Creek
 - Wet weather epidemiology study
- CTAG Charter Subcommittee Report
- Research Planning Workshop Summaries
- SCCWRP 2015-2016 Research Planning
- Contaminants of Emerging Concern Research Presentations
- Historical Monitoring Data Capture Subcommittee Report



CTAG Charter and Related Documents

- Revised Charter ready for Commission's approval
 - Provided at last meeting but not agendaized for approval
- CTAG Operating Guidelines finalized
 - Commission approval not required
- California Coastal Commission Representation on CTAG
- CTAG Member Selection Guidance developed and finalized



CTAG Member Selection Guidance

- Four Key Attributes for Effective CTAG Member
 - Two are essential and two are highly desirable
- Essential Attributes
 - *“CTAG representatives should hold positions within their agency that allow them to assess SCCWRP activities from both technical/scientific and managerial perspectives”*
 - *“CTAG representatives should be well-connected within the member agency”*
- Highly Desirable Attributes
 - *“CTAG representatives should have scientific or technical backgrounds”*
 - *“A CTAG representative should actively participate with other CTAG representatives, possessing strong interpersonal communication skills”*



Research Planning Workshops

- Workshops held/scheduled in the past quarter
 - Sediment quality (6/26/14) and FW Nutrients (7/17/14)
 - Need Commission feedback on SCCWRP's role in lake research and technical basis for listing/delisting
 - Chemicals of emerging concern (CECs) – 10/14/14
- Process is working well so far
 - Research planning is more collaborative
 - CTAG “consensus” priorities being identified
 - Plans are being developed to meet these needs
- Still work to do before we can claim success
 - Many other research areas to address (IM next)
 - Need to incorporate these priorities into the research plan
 - Need to see new research initiated as a result of this process



Research Plan Development

- Successful Research Planning Workshops prompting consideration of changes to process and product
 - Organize around the long-range research strategy for each area of research
 - Include research in progress, completed, and yet to be done
 - Highlight CTAG's high priority research needs from workshops
 - May require web-based interface rather than paper
 - Renders use of survey tool obsolete
- Next Steps
 - SCCWRP to develop straw man major research areas/subareas for discussion/revision at November CTAG meeting
 - CTAG and SCCWRP to discuss/determine feasibility of new format at November CTAG meeting



CTAG Recommendations to Commission

- Approve CTAG Charter (Agenda Item 10)
- Approve contracts 1-10 (Agenda Item 11)
 - Some contracts funding increased since CTAG meeting
 - #4 - SWAMP special studies increased from \$105K to \$120K
 - #7 – SMC analyses and report writing increased from \$9K to \$48K
 - #9 – Technical report on cyanotoxins increased from \$44K to \$59K



Questions?

