

CTAG REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

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CTAG Meeting Agenda

- ❖ CTAG Elections
- ❖ Executive Director's Report
 - Annual Report:
 - Detailed CTAG review first draft(s) by email; no formal approval final version
 - Received print version at CTAG meeting/conference, minor comments
- ❖ New Projects
 - Piloting statewide CEC monitoring (RB1)
 - Marina del Rey SSO and sediment TIE
 - Plume impingement on MPAs
 - ELAP review
- ❖ SCCWRP Symposium Planning
- ❖ Wetlands Presentations
 - Provides setup for research planning meeting
 - Shift research towards management and uses of wetlands

CTAG Meeting Agenda (cont.)

- ❖ Capturing Historic Monitoring Data
 - Assess data availability/quality + effort to obtain
 - Report to CTAG on 11/12/2015
- ❖ Contract Review
 - Extra info on SWAMP contract (\$1.7M)
 - **CTAG recommends Commission approval of contracts 1-2**
- ❖ SCCWRP 2015-2016 Research Plan
- ❖ Research Planning Meetings
- ❖ Cross-thematic Research Prioritization
- ❖ Attainment of CTAG Goals

2015-2016 Research Plan

- ❖ Executive Summary = SCCWRP Annual Research Plan
- ❖ 3 Thematic Research Plans
- ❖ CTAG approval by June Commission meeting
- ❖ CTAG liked structure and focus, few comments
 1. Need mechanism to verify alignment of priorities
 - SCCWRP will create separate report
 - Present at May CTAG meeting
 2. Separate stormwater BMP research into separate thematic area?
 - Discuss at future research planning meeting
- ❖ CTAG detailed review by email

Research Planning Meetings

- ❖ Information Technology and Management
 - No direct regulatory driver for research
 - Lower turnout than usual, but addressed at CTAG meeting
 - SCCWRP/CTAG mostly agreed on future priorities
 - Current expenditures not always in line with priorities
 - Productive meeting:
 - Extra CEDEN meeting at SCCWRP prior to 3/16 State Board Workshop
 - SCCWRP to establish and lead 3 user groups to meet CTAG needs
- ❖ Wetlands meeting 4/9
- ❖ Climate Change meeting 5/21
 - New research area!

Cross-thematic Research Prioritization

- ❖ Need to prioritize between thematic areas
 - Bioassessment
 - Sediment Quality
 - CECs
 - Eutrophication
 - Microbial water quality
 - Flow Ecology
 - Wetlands
 - Regional Monitoring
 - Information Technology
- ❖ SCCWRP to email survey to identify short- and long-term priorities for each MA
- ❖ Present outcome at May CTAG meeting

CTAG Goal Assessment 2014-2015

❖ **Goal**

- ***Establish an effective and collaborative research planning process between SCCWRP and CTAG***

❖ **Assessment**

- Collaborative aspect clearly met
 - Quarterly Research Planning Workshops
- Effectiveness still to be determined, but showing some signs of success
 - Draft 2015-2016 Research Plan includes some CTAG identified priorities

Keys to Our Success

❖ CTAG Members

- Support for an improved research planning process
- Contributions to workshops and beyond

❖ SCCWRP Management and Staff

- Willingness and commitment to allow CTAG more involvement in research planning process
- Staff efforts for workshop content, workplan development, and implementation of priority research

❖ Commissioners

- Inclusion of CTAG leadership in the Organizational Review process
- Trust in CTAG and SCCWRP as we redefine the research planning process and products

Moving Forward

- ❖ **Maintain Momentum**
 - Continue to support and participate in workshops
 - Work to implement priority research projects
- ❖ **Distribute Research Planning Leadership**
 - Select appropriate CTAG member to lead each research area planning process
- ❖ **Prioritize the priorities**
 - Cross-thematic research prioritization process underway
- ❖ **Balance Priority and Opportunistic Research Efforts**
 - Define a process for accepting opportunistic research projects without inhibiting SCCWRP's capacity to aggressively seek funding for and conduct CTAG's priority research needs
 - May need Commission input



Questions?