

8TH BIENNIAL SYMPOSIUM

- **The SCCWRP Symposium was initiated in 2008 to enhance interaction with member agencies**
 - Improve communication of research activities
 - Improve accessibility to SCCWRP researchers
 - Give a broader picture to those who know SCCWRP only on an individual project basis
- **The Symposium became a biennial event starting in 2013**
 - Avoids repetition of scientific content
- **This year's Symposium was held two days ago**

SYMPOSIUM STRUCTURE

- **Eight one-hour topical sessions**
 - Two briefing rooms
- **Each session contains three talks**
 - 12 minutes each so there is time for questions
- **Plenary session**
 - The topic was selected by CTAG
- **Four hour-long hands-on demonstrations**

HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS

- **Enables a deeper dive into an emerging issue area**
 - Meant to catalyze technical transfer to our member agencies
- **One every hour**
 - Using hydrologic data to support stream condition assessment
 - 3D visualization of sea level rise in the Tijuana River estuary
 - How to run a cell bioassay for emerging contaminants
 - Portable device for measuring beach water quality in the field



ATTENDANCE

- **Each CTAG representative invites up to 12 guests**
 - Target audience size: 120
- **About 100 guests in attendance**
- **More than 25 organizations represented**
 - Orange County Water District
 - NOAA
 - Water Environment & Reuse Foundation
 - San Francisco Estuary Institute
 - Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
 - Other local municipal agencies

EVALUATION

- We received 46 evaluation forms
- The scores were even higher than 2015 (a high bar)

Criteria	Average score (Scale 1-5)	2015 score
Improved my understanding of SCCWRP and its research	4.6	4.6
Relevancy to my own job	4.4	4.5
Appropriate for expertise level	4.5	4.3
Effectively communicated	4.7	4.6
Value of attendance	4.8	4.7