

NEW PROJECT: STORMWATER MONITORING COALITION TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- **Contract source: Stormwater Monitoring Coalition**
- **Contract amount: \$699,918 (Year 1)**
- **Time frame: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, with future annual renewals**
- **SCCWRP lead: Ken Schiff**
- **Key partners: SMC is a mix of 16 regulated and regulatory members**

KEY TASKS

- **SCCWRP is the technical facilitator for the SMC**
 - Served in this role since 2003
 - Also serves as the Treasurer, subcontracting specialists to implement projects
- **Priority 1: Create a new 5-year Research agenda**
 - Coordinate an expert panel to help the SMC develop road map for future project selection
- **Priority 2: Implement ongoing projects**
 - Regional monitoring for stream health
 - Regional monitoring for BMP effectiveness
 - Targeted research projects on structural BMP design, non-structural BMP effectiveness, modified stream health/restoration

WHY WAS THIS SELECTED FOR PRESENTATION?

- **New research direction for SCCWRP - No**

- All projects are prioritized by CTAG in our Regional monitoring, stormwater BMP, and bioassessment research agendas

- **Linked to a management action? - Yes**

- Regional stream monitoring and research linked to biological objectives, 303d listing/delisting and 305b reporting, restoration benchmarks
- BMP monitoring and research linked to municipal design specifications, operations and maintenance guidance, Watershed Planning Document and TMDL implementation

- **Temporal Proximity to Decision? – Yes**

- NPDES compliance for Regional Monitoring is every year
- South coast 303d/305b cycle tentatively scheduled for 2026-28
- Watershed planning and TMDL compliance varies by permittee, but NPDES adaptive management at least once every five years.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROJECT EXPANSION

- **The SMC judges its success based on partnership**
 - Funding from organizations beyond the core 16 SMC members is welcome
- **The BMP projects are particularly ripe for additional participation**
 - Can evaluate additional BMPs
 - Can study more pollutants
- **We see a tight linkage between CTAG and the Expert Panel**
 - We are hoping CTAG helps us deliberate about Panel members
 - We are also hoping that CTAG uses the process to help prioritize SCCWRP research