

CTAG Report
SCCWRP Commission
Meeting
March 6, 2026

Commission's
Technical
Advisory
Group
(CTAG)



CTAG Executive Committee – New Chair & Vice Chair Elected

Vice Chair

Stacee Karnya



Chair

Grant Sharp



Past Chair

Lauren Hubbell



***My job as CTAG Chair* – provide CTAG input on items in your agenda packet that will help you make informed decisions.**

Today, I will cover:

- Contracts requiring Commission approval
- Fact Sheets requiring Commission adoption
- ROMS-BEC OAH Subcommittee
- Research Theme Planning
- The *Readiness Assessment* Process (As applied to Sensor Project)
- Potential Future Agenda Items of Interest



Contracts Requiring Commission Approval

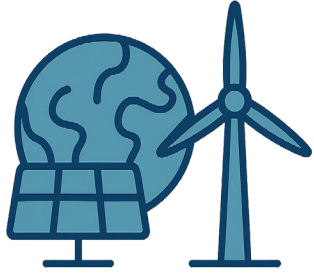
1. Southern CA Stormwater Monitoring Coalition SMC 2026-27 Technical Support (\$912,660)
2. NOAA – through West Coast Ocean Alliance (\$282,956)

CTAG Input:

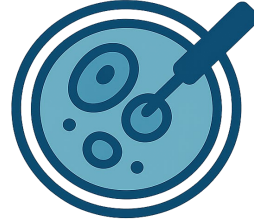
- Both contracts unanimously recommended for Commission approval – the work aligns well with CTAG-approved research plan
- Four SCCWRP MS4 member agencies, and four SCCWRP regulatory member agencies are also SMC members – one of the projects (Exfiltration) on your agenda today, is an SMC project
- CTAG met yesterday to review three contracts in your memo that were offered subsequent to the Feb. CTAG meeting – no concerns were raised



Fact Sheets Requiring Commission Adoption



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SOLUTIONS



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Bioassay

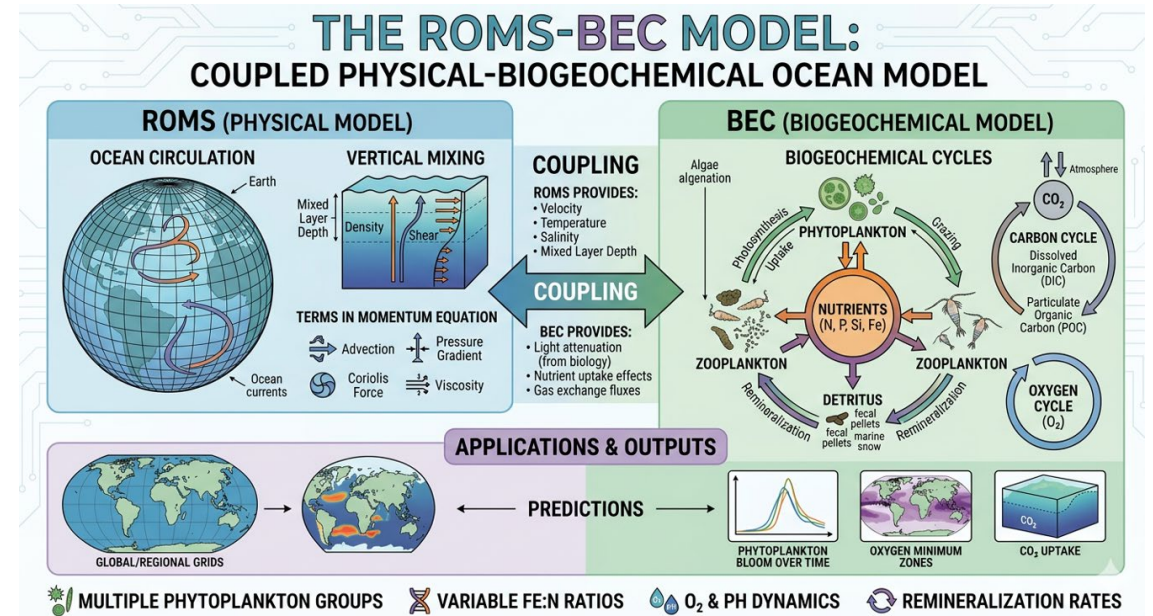
CTAG Input:

- CTAG recommends both fact sheets for Commission adoption – these were third versions
- CTAG was briefed on Commission discussion on future of fact sheets during December meeting – recommendation is that if interested in a topic, CTAG can request their Commissioner to propose it

ROMS-BEC OAH Subcommittee

CTAG Input:

- CTAG is pleased with the productivity of this subcommittee – quality assurance documentation is now published
- CTAG feels this project would make a great candidate for a “*readiness assessment*” – their recommendation was for the subcommittee to perform a preliminary one at an upcoming meeting



Research Theme Planning

1. Stormwater BMPs Research Theme - Intersession held on February 17, 2026
2. Bioassessment Research Theme - Intersession scheduled for April 21, 2026

CTAG Input:

- Prep meetings with member agencies prior to the intersession have been very productive and helpful, for both SCCWRP and CTAG
- The Stormwater BMP Intersession was a success - well attended, with great discussion and engagement, resulting in several projects receiving strong support from a cross-section of sectors



The *Readiness Assessment Process*

- As applied to the *Sensor Project* during the February CTAG meeting

CTAG Input:

- The process is working very well – the discussion on the Sensor Project lasted almost an hour and the engagement was high
- Conversation focused on the management question: *Is this technology ready to begin management-level discussions regarding using new-generation sensors for specific use cases to meet monitoring requirements in regulatory permits?* (CTAG agreed that it is)
- CTAG recommendation is to continue this process with a project they select at each meeting – it may translate to less agenda items in total, but the focus on one project is valuable



Potential Future Agenda Items of Interest

1. Bight '23 Update
2. West Coast Ocean Health Dashboard

CTAG Input:

- All eight Bight '23 elements are on schedule for completion of reports in FY 2026-27 and CTAG would like the Commission to be aware of progress and preliminary findings
- The West Coast Ocean Health Dashboard (see contract memo Exhibit 2) will help standardize ocean health assessments and CTAG would like the Commission to be aware of this new effort

