California Water Quality Monitoring Council

Monitoring Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 7, 2018 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Second Floor, Klamath Room
Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento

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ITEM:	**1**		**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	**Introductions and Housekeeping**		10:00 – 10:10
Purpose:	1) Introductions (in the room and on the phone) 2) Review draft action items from November 29, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting 3) Review agenda for today's meeting		
Desired Outcome:	a) Approve November 29, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting action items b) Preview what will be covered today and overall meeting expectations c) Adjust today's agenda, as needed		
Attachment Link:	November 29, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting action items		
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ITEM:	**2**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	**Public Forum**	10:10 – 10:20
Purpose:	Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Monitoring Council relating to any matter within the Council's jurisdiction under California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006) provided the matter is not on the agenda.	

Desired Outcome:	Information and potential agenda topics for a future meeting. No decisions can be made regarding items that have not received prior public notice.	
Attachment Link:	California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006)	
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ITEM:	**3**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	**NEW MONITORING COUNCIL MEMBERS**	10:20 – 10:50
Purpose:	Update regarding the Monitoring Council's membership: • Welcome New Council Members (Karen Mogus, 5 min) • Introductions from the New Members (Amrith Gunasekara, Grant Sharp, Shelly Walther, and Helen Fitanides, 5 min each) • Review Monitoring Council Expectations (Karen Mogus, 5 min)	
Desired Outcome:	Introduce the new Council Members and review expectations.	
Attachment Links:	Council and Member Expectations Document	
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ITEM:	**4**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**	10:50 – 11:20
Purpose:	These are expected to be brief informational items that could be expanded into more detailed discussions at future meetings: a) Monitoring Council Member Updates (All) b) National Monitoring Council Updates (Nick Martorano) c) AB 1755 Coordination (Nick Martorano and Karen Mogus) d) AB 1492 Ecological Performance Measures (Lorena Moreno)	
Desired Outcome:	Information and comment	
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ITEM:	**8**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	**COMPENDIUM OF MONITORING**	11:20 – 11:50
Purpose:	Present a project being led by the Delta Conservancy to provide a reference point for all existing monitoring programs occurring within the Delta.	
Desired Outcome:	To get feedback and input from the Council on the compendium and to explore ideas for improvement and expansion of the effort.	

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LUNCH	**Timeslot:**
On your own. Several restaurants on K Street and in close proximity to building.	11:50 – 1:00

ITEM:	**6**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	MONITORING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES	1:00 – 2:00
Purpose:	The Monitoring Council's subcommittees will provide updates and next steps regarding their respective initiatives: a) Overall Monitoring Council Strategy (Nick Martorano and Karen Mogus, 40 min) i. MOU Status ii. Draft Charter iii. New Strategy Documents and Work Plan iv. Future of the Data Management Workgroup b) Communication Subcommittee (Nick Martorano, 10 min) i. Water Data Science Symposium Partnership ii. National Council Newsletter and Webinars c) Coordination with Non-Agency Monitoring Groups (Helen Fitanides, 5 min) d) Monitoring Council Workgroup Coordination (includes Portal Improvements) (Nick Martorano; 5 min)	
Desired Outcome:	Provide direction to Council staff and fellow Council Members as to potential adjustments in approach and initiatives to enhance the Council's success.	
Attachment Link:	Item 5a: Draft Monitoring Council Charter Item 5b: Draft Communication Plan Item 5c: Final Non-Agency Monitoring Group Survey	
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BREAK	**15 minutes**

ITEM:	**7**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN	2:15 – 3:15
Purpose:	The Source Water Protection Plan for California consists of elements from several existing regulatory programs and other initiatives that are underway. In addition, the Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment program recently reached out to the regional water boards for input regarding other	

	initiatives that they would like to be included in the Source Water Protection Plan. Is this an opportunity to utilize the Safe to Drink space?	
Desired Outcome:	Discuss any potential nexus between the Source Water Protection Plan and the Safe to Drink Workgroup.	
Attachment Link:	Draft SWP Initiative Memo	
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ITEM:	**8**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	**MONITORING COUNCIL WORKGROUP UPDATES**	3:15 – 3:50
Purpose:	Provide updates on the progress of the Monitoring Council Workgroups, and seek input and guidance as necessary: a) Molecular Methods Workgroup (Nick Martorano, 5 min) b) Trash Monitoring Workgroup (Nick Martorano, 5 min) c) Environmental Flows Workgroup (Nick Martorano, 5 min) d) Estuary Monitoring Workgroup (Nick Martorano, 5 min) e) Healthy Watersheds Partnership (Ali Dunn, 5 min) f) Safe to Swim Workgroup (Nick Martorano, 15 min) i. Inland Beach Monitoring Workgroup (Alisha Wenzel)	
Desired Outcome:	Provide updates to the Council and allow for improved Council to Workgroup communication and feedback.	
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ITEM:	**9**	**Timeslot:**
Title of Topic:	**NEXT MEETING AGENDA**	3:50 – 4:00
Purpose:	Plan agenda for the next Monitoring Council meeting on June 6 in Costa Mesa, CA. Potential items include: a) Continued Monitoring Council strategic planning b) Update: Secretary Blumenfeld briefing and recommendations c) Others?	
Desired Outcome:	Develop agenda ideas for the next Monitoring Council meeting	
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