# California Water Quality Monitoring Council

## Monitoring Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Meetings of the Monitoring Council are open to the public. Times indicated in the agenda are approximate. The order of agenda items is subject to change. Actions of the Monitoring Council are advisory to the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Natural Resources Agency.

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| **ITEM:** | **1** | | **Approx. Time:** |
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| **Title of Topic:** | **Introductions and Housekeeping** | | 10 minutes |
| **Purpose:** | 1) Introductions (in the room and on the phone)<br>2) Review draft notes from May 30, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting<br>3) Review agenda for today's meeting | | |
| **Desired Outcome:** | a) Approve May 30, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting notes<br>b) Preview what will be covered today and overall meeting expectations<br>c) Adjust today's agenda, as needed | | |
| **Attachment Links:** | Draft notes from May 30, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting | | |
| **Contact Person:** | Kris Jones | kristopher.jones@water.ca.gov, (916) 654-4925 | |

| **ITEM:** | **2** | **Approx. Time:** |
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| **Title of Topic:** | **Public Forum** | 10 minutes |
| **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. | |

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| **Attachment Link:** | California Senate Bill 1070 (Statutes of 2006) | |
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| **ITEM:** | **3** | **Approx. Time:** |
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| **Title of Topic:** | ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES | 40 minutes |
| **Purpose:** | These are expected to be brief informational items that could be expanded into more detailed discussions at future meetings:<br>a) AB 1755 Coordination (Nick Martorano)<br>b) Monitoring group coordination report-out (Helen Fitanides)<br>c) Molecular Methods Workgroup (Susie Theroux)<br>d) Monitoring Council Member Updates (*New Item!*) | |
| **Desired Outcome:** | Information and comment | |
| **Attachment Links:** | Draft Monitoring Group Survey (Item 3b) | |
| **Contact Persons:** | Nick Martorano | nicholas.martorano@waterboards.ca.gov, (916) 341-5514 |

| **ITEM:** | **4** | **Approx. Time:** |
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| **Title of Topic:** | MONITORING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES | 60 minutes |
| **Purpose:** | Steve Weisberg will lead a discussion regarding the Monitoring Council's future direction, drawing from feedback received during prior Council meetings and recommendations received from the Monitoring Council Strategy and Membership Subcommittee (prior to the lunch break):<br>a) Monitoring Council Strategy and Membership | |
| **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. | |
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| LUNCH | **Approx. Time:** |
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| On your own. Several restaurants on K Street and in close proximity to building. | 60 minutes |

| **ITEM:** | **4 (*continued*)** | **Approx. Time:** |
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| **Title of Topic:** | MONITORING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES | 80 minutes |
| **Purpose:** | Strategy and membership discussions will continue (Item 4a). In addition, representatives from the Monitoring Council's other subcommittees will provide updates and next steps regarding their respective initiatives (Items 4b & c):<br>a) Monitoring Council Strategy and Membership (*continued*; 45 min)<br>b) Communication (Nick Martorano; 20 min)<br>c) Monitoring Council Workgroup Coordination (Kris Jones; 15 min) | |

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| **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:** | Draft CWQMC Comprehensive Communication Plan (Item 4b) | |
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| **ITEM:** | **5** | **Approx. Time:** |
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| **Title of Topic:** | **THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S FRESHWATER BLUEPRINT** | 60 minutes |
| **Purpose:** | Jeanette Howard (The Nature Conservancy) will present on their Freshwater Blueprint, an effort to quantify and visualize habitat and stream health vulnerability. Pete Ode (Department of Fish and Wildlife) will show how the Freshwater Blueprint combined with California's bioassessment program can allow for assessment of waterbody and ecosystem health. Following the presentation, a discussion with the Council regarding potential collaborative opportunities with the Monitoring Council's Healthy Watersheds Partnership will take place. | |
| **Desired Outcome:** | Information and comment | |
| **Contact Person:** | Jeanette Howard and<br>Pete Ode | jeanette_howard@tnc.org (415) 281-0476<br>Peter.Ode@wildlife.ca.gov (916) 358-0316 |

| **ITEM:** | **6** | **Approx. Time:** |
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| **Title of Topic:** | **NEXT MEETING AGENDA** | 10 minutes |
| **Purpose:** | Plan agenda for the November 29, 2018 Monitoring Council meeting in Sacramento, CA. Potential items include:<br>a) Continued Monitoring Council strategic planning<br>b) Report by the Communication Subcommittee<br>c) WRAMP tools support coordinated climate change adaptation for wildlife conservation and water quality control<br>d) Safe to Swim Portal update<br>e) Environmental Flows Workgroup update<br>f) Monitoring Council Annual Conference | |
| **Desired Outcome:** | Develop agenda ideas for the November 29, 2018 meeting | |
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