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Hi!

I hope you all are doing well. I would like to give you an update of where we are in terms of completing a TMDL for Malibu Creek Watershed. But, more importantly, I need your expert knowledge of the watershed.

Specifically, I am trying to refine a causal assessment for Malibu Creek Watershed. As you folks know, there are many stressors to Malibu Creek watershed. In our effort to systematically evaluate the causes and stressors of the impairment in Malibu Creek Watershed, we have completed a causal assessment following EPA's CADDIS approach. Please see link/description below. One of the key elements of this process is to ensure that experts familiar with the watershed can participate in evaluating the potential candidate causes and stressors. That would be you.

We have completed our data assessment and evaluated a number of different types of evidence and would value your expert input in this process. This would require around 3 hours of your time (approximately) for us to systematically run through the information we have and for you to determine if the evidence or relationship that we have appropriately identified correctly matches with your knowledge.

As usual, there is never enough time and I am wondering if you would have anytime the week of November 5 for meeting to discuss this.

Please let me know if you can participate in this effort. Excuse the short time frame on this as this approach and the details are still being worked out for CA. I also this would be a great introduction (if you don't already know this approach), as CA State Board is thinking of incorporating this approach as part of the State's Biological Objectives tool.

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CADDIS Link: http://www.epa.gov/caddis/
CADDIS, or the Causal Analysis/Diagnosis Decision Information System, is an online application designed to help users conduct causal assessments, primarily in stream ecosystems. It provides a logical, step-by-step framework for Stressor Identification based on the U.S. EPA's Stressor Identification Guidance Document, as well as additional information and tools that can be used in these assessments.

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