



Safe to Eat Workgroup (STEW) Meeting Agenda



Wednesday, October 18, 2023
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Pacific)

Virtual attendance details provided below

Agenda Overview

Item	Topic	Lead	Time
1.	Roll Call, Agenda Review, Goals of the Meeting	Jay Davis	9:30 AM (10 min)
2.	Information: Quick Updates Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Jay Davis	9:40 AM (20 min)
3.	Information: 2023 Sampling and Analysis Update Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Jay Davis, Autumn Bonnema	10:00 AM (20 min)
4.	Information: Final Monitoring Plan for 2024 Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Jay Davis	10:20 AM (20 min)
Break			10:40 AM (10 min)
5.	Information: Biomonitoring California PFAS Update Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Kelly Chen	10:50 AM (25 min)
6.	Information: Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment Update Desired Outcome: Inform and update the STEW	Anna Holder	11:15 AM (10 min)
7.	Discussion: 2024 Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process Desired Outcome: Inform, get feedback from the STEW INCLUDES PRE-MEETING ACTION ITEM	Anna Holder	11:25 AM (20 min)
8.	Discussion: 2024 STEW Meeting Dates Desired Outcome: Inform, get feedback from the STEW	Anna Holder	11:45 AM (10 min)
9.	Wrap-up and Adjourn	Anna Holder	11:55 PM (5 min)

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Item 1. Roll Call, Agenda Review, Goals of the Meeting

Item 2. Quick Updates

- 2020 Coast data and report
 - Data status: all data have been processed; except 3 PCBs samples sent to SGS-Axys for analysis in Mar 2022.
 - Report status: The [Cruise Report](#) is complete. We will be pushing the data report to 2025 after the remainder of the coast has been sampled (2024) and data processed (2025).
- 2021 Bass lakes (Panel 4) data and report
 - Data status: Metals/Other/Age data are processed; waiting on organics data from SGS-Axys.
 - Report status: The [Cruise Report](#) is complete; draft data report will be distributed once organics data have been received, and discussed at following STEW Meeting.
- 2022 Monitoring data
 - Realignment (Project code: SWB_Realign_RWB9_2022):
 - Waiting for organics data.
 - Report status: The [Cruise Report](#) is complete
 - Rivers (Project code: SWB_FishRiv_2022):
 - Awaiting Crustacean As/Se results.
 - Waiting for organics data.
 - Report status: The [Cruise Report](#) is complete.
 - Central Coast Region (RWB3) Monitoring (Project code: RWB3_SS_BOG (2022)):
 - Waiting for organics data.
- New fish consumption advisories
 - [El Capitan Reservoir \(San Diego County, Sep 2023\)](#)
- Updates on TMDLs
- Monitoring Council Updates
 - Next meeting will be Dec 14 - Hybrid, In person location Southern CA
- Other updates from the group
 - [California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup \(CABW\)](#) and the California Chapter of the Society of Freshwater Science (Cal-SFS) Annual Meeting; Nov. 6-7, 2023, Costa Mesa, CA
 - San Francisco Bay RMP sport fish monitoring in 2024 - planning process starting soon

- San Francisco Bay consumption survey questionnaire development - funded by San Francisco Region, workshop with Community-Based Organization in early Sep.; project will wrap around May 2024.
- All Positives Possible's Carquinez Strait monitoring study - funded by US EPA, fish monitoring for mercury, PCBs and PFAS at four locations in Sep. Monitoring methods will include San Francisco Bay RMP methods and collection by community members.

Item 3. 2023 Sampling and Analysis Update

2023 sampling took place between Apr. and Sep. according to the [2023 Lakes Monitoring Plan](#). An overview of completed sampling and update on analysis status and accomplishments will be provided.

Item 4. Final Monitoring Plan for 2024

This group has been discussing the monitoring plan for 2024 in some capacity since Jan. 2021. An update on the intended 2024 coast monitoring plan will be provided.

Item 5. Biomonitoring California PFAS Update: PFAS exposures and fish consumption among Asian/Pacific Islanders in the San Francisco Bay Area

This presentation describes distributions of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) serum data and fish consumption from the Asian/Pacific Islander Community Exposures (ACE) Project. PFAS data showed detections in 100% of participants and was compared to National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2015-2016 data and risk-based levels for PFASs issued by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Additional information on fish species and associated habitats, purchased vs. caught fish, and consumption of non-filet fish parts will be reported and contextualized within national fish consumption data, San Francisco sport fish monitoring on PFAS, and fish consumption advisories. These data have highlighted opportunities in California to work in partnership with other agencies and organizations on reducing PFAS exposures through fish consumption.

Item 6. Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment Update

The implementation of the [Bioaccumulation Monitoring Program Realignment](#) is underway. The San Diego Region is wrapping up the 2021-2023 Realignment Cycle and the San Francisco Region is preparing to begin the 2024-2026 Realignment Cycle (see [Realignment Plan Update](#) for context, our decision criteria, etc.). This agenda item will include an update on progress and next steps.

Item 7. 2024 Long-term Monitoring Priorities Assessment Process

This group has been discussing the long-term monitoring priorities assessment planned for 2024 in some capacity since Jan 2021. During the Oct 2022 meeting, the STEW requested more specific prompts that Regional coordinators can use to prepare for discussions in 2024. A draft of these prompts was made available in Jan 2023 (see [Water Boards Template](#) and [External Partner Template](#)). An update on the more solidified meeting and discussion plan will be presented.

STEW Co-chairs propose scheduling *additional* STEW meetings to support the need for more advanced timelines for permitting processes. Date ranges to be considered during this item include:

- The week of Nov 27 - Dec 1, 2023
- The week of Dec 18 - 22, 2023
- The week of Jan 22 - 26, 2024
- The week of Feb 26 - 29, 2024
- The week of Mar 25 - 29, 2024
- The week of Apr 15 - 19, 2024

PRE-MEETING ACTION ITEM: Please review your calendar *before* the meeting and be able to vote on which of the above date range(s) you would prefer for the additional STEW meeting(s).

Item 8. 2024 STEW Meeting Dates

Since 2020, the STEW has scheduled standing quarterly meetings, the majority of which have been from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on the last Wed of the month in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct, and held over Zoom. During this meeting we will check-in with the STEW on how this has been working for attendees, and make a plan for when and how we will meet in 2024.

STEW Co-chairs propose:

- We continue to meet over Zoom to reduce travel costs for attendees and increase the ability for more people to participate.
- 2024 meetings to be scheduled from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on the last Wed of the month in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct. Specific dates are: Jan 31, Apr 24, Jul 31, Oct 30.

Item 9. Wrap-up and Adjourn

- Review action items
- Review items for next meeting