

California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Participant:

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network along with Melissa Norris and Renee Spears from the SWRCB for the presentation “QA/QC Updates and Changes at the Waterboards”. Please join us on Friday December 19, 2014 from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please see the instructions below to join the webinar. To watch the presentation, “join the online meeting” and to hear the meeting, “join the teleconference (call in)” as we use voice over phone protocol.

Presenters:

Melissa Morris

Melissa Morris is a Senior Environmental Scientist and the Unit Chief of the Quality Assurance and Data Management Unit with the Office of Information Management and Analysis (OIMA), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Melissa earned her B. S. and M.S. at California State University, Sacramento in Microbiology and Molecular Biology. She began her career in water quality monitoring and data management with the SWRCB in early 2000 with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 5) Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). Melissa recently transferred to OIMA from the Region 5 Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP), where she served for 10 years as the ILRP’s Data Manager; responsible for QA comparability with SWAMP and the upload of ILRP data into the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). She also has spent time as a Quality Control Chemist in private industry as well as an Undergraduate & Graduate Level Researcher at CSU, Sacramento, focusing on molecular methods for detecting pathogens.

Renee Spears

Renee Spears has been with the SWRCB–QA Program for over two years where she serves as the State Board Quality Assurance (QA) Officer. These duties include statewide coordination of the US EPA DMR-Study for NPDES permitted facilities; review and approval of QA project plans, review of Alternative Test Procedures submitted by labs, and provide training to Water Board staff and stakeholders about QA/QC issues. Prior to coming to the State Water Board, Renee was a Hazardous Substances Scientist with the Department of Toxic Substances Control for 12 years.

Topic: QA/QC Updates and Changes at the Waterboards

Due to recent changes in California State contracting rules, the quality assurance and data management infrastructures for the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) have begun transitioning from contractors to new a unit at the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Office of information Management and Analysis (OIMA). With this transition comes a new organizational approach for the support of the SWAMP monitoring programs as well as the Help Desk for statewide assistance. This webinar will introduce the new unit and Help Desk, as well as discuss the upcoming revision of the SWAMP Quality Assurance Program Plan. The revised plan will provide more information and updates to the program-level organization, process and standards of SWAMP. The plan will also include an entirely new section dedicated to defining the elements of “SWAMP Comparability” for statewide consistency. Quality Assurance/Quality Control Website www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/quality_assurance/index.shtml

Meeting information

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