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# California Water Quality Monitoring Council

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

Thursday, April 2, 2009  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 550  
Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
1001 I Street, Sacramento

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Water Quality Monitoring Council will meet to discuss issues relating to its responsibilities pursuant to Senate Bill 1070 (Kehoe, 2006).

### BACKGROUND

In November 2007, a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) was signed by the Secretaries of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Resources Agency to establish the California Water Quality Monitoring Council (Monitoring Council). The MOU was mandated by [Senate Bill 1070 \(Kehoe, 2006\)](#) and requires the boards, departments and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and the California Resources Agency to integrate and coordinate their water quality and related ecosystem monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

Monitoring Council members include representatives from Cal/EPA, the Resources Agency, the Department of Public Health, the public, regulated publicly owned treatment works, regulated stormwater interests, water supply interests, and the scientific community. The Monitoring Council is also required by SB 1070 to consult with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, whose representatives attend all Monitoring Council meetings.

SB 1070 and the MOU require that the Monitoring Council develop specific recommendations to improve the coordination and cost-effectiveness of water quality and ecosystem monitoring and assessment, enhance the integration of monitoring data across departments and agencies, and increase public accessibility to monitoring data and assessment information. While the Monitoring Council may recommend new monitoring or management initiatives, it will build on existing effort to the greatest extent possible.

California Water Code Section 13181(b) requires that the Monitoring Council report to Cal/EPA and the Resources Agency "with regard to its recommendations for maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of existing water quality data collection and dissemination, and for ensuring that collected data are maintained and available for use by decisionmakers and the public." Those [initial recommendations](#) were submitted on December 1, 2008.

### MEETING PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this meeting is for the Monitoring Council to plan further implementation of their initial recommendations to Cal/EPA and the Resources Agency, and to begin developing

recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board for a comprehensive water quality monitoring program strategy.

#### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The meeting agenda and related information will be available approximately one week before the meeting on the State Water Board website at:

[http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/](http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/)

Paper copies of the agenda and related documents will also be available upon request by writing or calling:

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#### **LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For a map to the building, visit: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. For security purposes, all visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to entering the building. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level; so please allow up to 15 minutes for this process. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Office of Employee Assistance, at (916) 341-5881.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct questions about this notice to Jon Marshack at (916) 341-5514 or [jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jmarshack@waterboards.ca.gov).

To receive email updates regarding activities of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council, subscribe to the "SB 1070 - Water Quality Monitoring Council" mailing list at the following website [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml).

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