Formation and Function of Theme-based Workgroup

- What is the scope of the assessment (e.g., streams vs. wadeable streams, beaches vs. ocean beaches)?
  - Short-term focus
  - Longer-term focus
- What are the questions you are trying to answer?
- What is your target audience?
  - Public
  - Legislature minimum pursuant to SB 1070
  - Agency decision makers
  - Water quality scientists
  - Agency staff performing assessments, writing permits, taking enforcement, etc.
  - Non-governmental organizations (e.g., Heal the Bay, Waterkeepers, SCCWRP, SFEI, citizen monitoring groups)
  - Regulated community
- Needs Identification
  - What data sets and assessment tools are needed?
  - Who are the key players (i.e., sources of data and assessment tools)?
  - What other workgroups share overlapping subject matter?
    - Establish relationships for sharing and cooperation
- Problems Assessment:
  - What are potential barriers to success?
    - Institutional (e.g., data ownership, data access)
    - Technical (e.g., data management, web capabilities, GIS platform differences)
    - Funding / Resources
  - Are there critical players who are unable or unwilling to participate?