Planning the Monitoring Council’s Future

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Outcomes from the Triennial Audit

- Dedicated resources and greater authority are needed to allow the Council to fulfill its mission.
  - SB 1070 came with no dedicated funding and no authority to compel state governmental organizations to participate.
  - Progress made to date is largely through in-kind services, voluntary efforts, and occasional grants.
Outcomes from the Triennial Audit

- Subcommittee formed August 27, 2015
  - Feedback: be more opportunistic in the efforts it supports

- Briefing with the Undersecretary for CalEPA
  - Feedback: support priority initiatives of the administration
Feedback from the May 23rd meeting

- Strong support for the Council and its mission.
- The Council’s strength—*its convening power*
- The Council should support emerging issues and to remain opportunistic.
- The Council has value in bringing agency stakeholders together for coordination and collaboration.
- The Council *may not* add value for organizations that already make their data available to the public.
Subcommittee Recommendations

1. **Review and update the Council’s Strategy**
   - Hire a facilitator to help guide this effort and to develop the updated Strategy document.
   - Identify who the Council serves (e.g., the public, agency decision makers, or both).
   - Continue to support emerging issues (e.g., HABs)
   - Solicit input from the Secretaries for Natural Resources and CalEPA.
Subcommittee Recommendations

2. **Strategize how to modify Council membership**
   - Identify ways to better engage key organizations within the Natural Resources Agency and CalEPA.
   - Continue outreach with key representatives from May 23 meeting (e.g., IEP, DWR, and DPR).
   - Identify members with stronger connections to the Agency Secretaries.