Is There a Need to Revisit Monitoring Council Membership?

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Original Tasks per SB 1070

- Inventory existing monitoring efforts  Apr 2008
- Develop initial recommendations  Dec 2008
  - To maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of existing water quality data collection and dissemination
  - To ensure collected data are maintained and available for use by decision makers and public
- Develop a comprehensive monitoring program strategy for California  Dec 2010
- Triennial Audit  Dec 2014
Refining the Strategy

- Planning Subcommittee meeting Nov 2015
  - CalEPA Secretary and Undersecretary
    - Demonstrate Council usefulness
      - Tie efforts to high-profile issues of administration
      - Support decision-making with data and information
  - Subcommittee deliberations
    - Be more opportunistic
      - Harmful algal blooms
      - Delta – support EcoRestore and WaterFix
      - Dashboards to support agency management decisions
      - Support both statewide and regional efforts
      - Incorporate water supply were relevant
    - New legislation needed to provide direction and funding
Strategy Implementation

- More-fully engage additional state and federal governmental organizations
  - Commit personnel to workgroup actions
  - Provide additional resources
- Provide greater representation so as to influence Council and workgroup direction to better align with organizational needs – options
  - Data Management Steering Committee example
  - Add members to existing Monitoring Council