

CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COUNCIL

# Water Quality Monitoring Council Meeting

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Item #4  
Strategy Sub-Committee Update

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# Background

- Sub-Committee was established to explore how best to refocus the Council's comprehensive strategy.
- Sub-Committee committed to developing a list of Top 5 needs and recommendations to the Council.
- Intended to provide a framework for establishing an action plan.

# Structure of Proposed Top 5 Focus Areas

- Describes alignment with the expertise and purview of the Council and the added value to the State.
- Establishes nexus to AB 1755 and the data life cycle as context for Agency Secretaries and Legislature.
  - Takes advantage of momentum and funding.
  - Forward thinking while highlighting the Council's value.
- Examples of how the Council currently addresses the issue and new opportunities.





# Proposed Top 5

1. The Council is a venue for evaluating whether water quality monitoring programs are designed and implemented to answer management questions in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
  - a. Refocus efforts back to measuring the performance of monitoring programs.
  
2. The Council establishes guidance on data quality and method consistency across monitoring programs statewide.
  - a. Emphasize the Council's expertise in establishing data comparability across monitoring programs.

# Proposed Top 5

3. The Council provides guidance on a variety of data interpretation thresholds that are needed to turn data into information.
4. The Council supports use of emerging methods and technologies and offers guidance on their development and implementation to answer current and future management questions.
  - a. Proactively look for new opportunities and high profile topics to establish consistency across monitoring programs before agencies invest in separate protocols.





# Proposed Top 5

5. The Council supports the coordination of disparate monitoring programs from local and regional entities that conduct the majority of monitoring across the state.
  - a. Will be one piece of a larger comprehensive communication plan.

# Discussion

- Is this the appropriate general direction for the Council?
- Are there other ideas or areas the Council thinks we should focus on?
- Is there anything the workgroups would like to add?





# Vote

Does the Council agree that these areas should be the basis of building a framework for refocusing the Council's comprehensive strategy?



# Next Steps and Action Items

- Update and implement a new comprehensive strategy.
- Update the Agency Secretaries on the re-focused framework.
- Establish a subcommittee for developing a comprehensive communication strategy.
- Others?



# Next Steps and Action Items

- What resources do we need to implement these strategic actions?
- Timing.

