

Brief History on the Northern and Central California Beach Water Quality Workgroup

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Assembly Bills

- ▶ AB411 (Wayne and Shelley, 1997-1998): Beach Sanitation: posting
- ▶ AB1946 Chapter 152 (Wayne, 1999-2000): Public Beaches: survey
- ▶ AB 1876 (Chan) in 2004- Bay Beach Monitoring Bill
- ▶ AB538 (Wayne, 1999-2000): Public Beaches: bacteriological standards

Background of the First NorCal BWQW

- ▶ First meeting occurred in early 2005
- ▶ Started as an offshoot to the Southern BWQW
- ▶ Group to discuss new and proposed legislation and how it would affect various sectors of the beach community including the public, dischargers, regulators, and stakeholders
- ▶ 2010- first attempt to bring the BWQWs under the Water Quality Monitoring Council “umbrella”

Questions for the group

- ▶ What are you looking to get out of the BWQWs?
 - ▶ Presentation topics (new studies, testing methods, State Policies)
 - ▶ Products as a result of the BWQWs (papers, directives?)
 - ▶ Networking opportunities
- ▶ What has been working, and what needs to change?
 - ▶ More open discussions (instead of presentations)?
 - ▶ Timing and frequency of meetings?
 - ▶ Interagency communication?
 - ▶ Mission Statement, group charter?
 - ▶ Website with past presentations and agendas?
- ▶ What resources/ information do you need? What can you provide?
 - ▶ Sampling and lab testing advice
 - ▶ Do you need sampling volunteers?

Who is the Water Quality Monitoring Council

- ▶ Multi-agency forum for discussing how to design monitoring programs
- ▶ Provides a venue for collaboration and resource sharing
- ▶ Data Management Workgroup provides assistance with data management plans and how to provide data in a useable way through portals
- ▶ www.MyWaterQuality.ca.gov

Joining the Water Quality Monitoring Council?

- ▶ Is the BWQW interested in requesting assistance from the Water Quality Monitoring Council?
 - ▶ Would a BWQW website with past presentations and future agendas be helpful?
 - ▶ Are improvements needed on the Safe-to-Swim portal?