

Brief History on the Southern California Beach Water Quality Workgroup

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Background on the Beach Water Quality Workgroup

- ▶ Initially formed by in 1998 by Southern CA Environmental Health Directors
- ▶ Goals were to coordinate:
 - ▶ Beach water quality monitoring
 - ▶ Pollution abatement
 - ▶ Public education
 - ▶ Public notification efforts
- ▶ The group helped make decisions on sampling protocols and listing of impaired waterbodies
- ▶ Input from the group is important to the State and Regional Water Boards

Questions for the group

- ▶ What are you looking to get out of the Workgroup?
 - ▶ 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?