



**Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) at
Michael Baker International, Board Room
14725 Alton Parkway | Irvine, CA 92618-2027**

1. Introductions, meeting minutes, updates, and announcements
Sign in sheet attached
Adam Fisher - update on unfunded mandates no real change at this point. The new case mostly deals with the jurisdictions and who pays for the programs
Art Diaz retirement at end of the month
Marc Rodabaugh leaving in February to solid waste looking for replacement
Joan Schneider at Santa Ana retirement
Arne Anselm promoted to deputy director of water resources.
Terry Grant is retiring
Action Item: Check the transition procedure for the executive committee.
2. Administrative/Briefings
 - a. Web Site Revamp – Michael Trapp (Michael Baker International)
Mockup of the new website presented and approved to move forward with content.
Action Item: Final will be completed and review by oversight committee prior to next EC meeting where the website will be presented to the group for final approval.
 - b. Annual Report – Michael Trapp
Requests for information going out to report on active projects. Draft to be sent out to EC for approval at next EC meeting
Action Item: Draft annual report will be sent out for review prior to the next EC meeting.
3. Ongoing Projects (as necessary)
 - a. Regional Bioassessment - Eric Stein (SCCWRP)
Action Item: Report Approval with proposed changes deliverable to be story board and PDF Next year will be only story board with paper final report at conclusion of the 5 year funding cycle.
 - b. SMC CLEAN project – Marc Rodabaugh (SBFC), Daniel Apt (Olaunu), Michael Trapp, and Matt Yeager (Yeager Consulting)
Dan Apt gave a brief history of the longer term project and the funding strategy / SMC association of the project. TAC working to finalize the research questions, working develop a data submission protocol, Draft monitoring guidance going out to

the TAC. Team working with state board on data tools, SCCWRP on options to develop tools, and UCSD and UCI to develop the monitoring task project.

Action Item: *Concerns about continuity of project leadership with Marc movement to new position. SBFC will evaluate their ability to administer the project or move responsibility to SCCWRP.*

- c. Standardized Monitoring - Ken Schiff
Update given on Steering Committee formation, Schedule, and planned TAC meetings
 - d. Water Quality Index - Ken Schiff
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4. Toxicity
- a. Toxicity Laboratory Intercalibration - Ken Schiff
Action: *Report Approval*
 - b. Laboratory Intercalibration Toxicity proposal - Ken Schiff
Two revised proposals and budgets for continuing the laboratory intercalibration for toxicity based on the approved report were presented (attached). Discussions on direct SMC funding and other funding strategies such as RB/SB support as well as research funding partners such as the WWTP community were discussed. Group decided that it was best to pursue
Action: *Ken will communicate with stakeholder groups and the Regional Board's EO about the possibility of providing regulatory relief to create a funding pathway for continued intercalibration activities. He will report back to EC and provide a draft agreement framework.*
 - c. Toxicity Results Implications Results and Letter to State Board - Michael Trapp
Requested proposal (attached) presented to investigate the potential impact of the variability in toxicity results during the laboratory intercalibration as applied to the potential of undue impairment listings. EC approved with guidance that the resulting deliverable be a neutral evaluation presented as a white paper which can be reviewed and used to guide action of the SMC and member agencies. White paper could be used for letters to EPA, State Board, and to pursue additional funding.
Action: *Approval of Funding*
5. New Projects (Discussion on participation and funding)
- a. CSCI score spatial representativeness – Eric Stein
Attached proposal presented.
Action: *EC approved SMC support for this project with a request for funding from CASQA. Arne Anselm will bring the project to their Monitoring and Science Subcommittee.*
 - b. Open Data / Data Management / Data Federation - Michael Trapp
General discussion on the trends in the use of more advanced data bases and the value in open data / shared data between SMC member agencies. Bioassessment presents a good opportunity to conduct a trial demonstration project due to its regional cooperative nature and federated data sources.
Action Item: *Proposal and budget to be presented to SMC EC at next meeting for demonstration project. Could include development of data standards, open source handbook, and getting Bioassessment data into open data base.*
 - c. Standardize Hydrologic Modeling Methods - Swamikannu and Stenstrom (UCLA)

Proposal presented (attached). Discussion about the merits of this type of project and the value to standardization of the models used in watershed models such as the RAA and WQIPs.

Action: *SMC members felt that SMC was not the correct venue to financially support this project but would consider other support if it moves forward.*

- d. Other projects
6. Committee member items
7. Next Meeting –
 - a. Agenda Items Budget Approval (FY 17 -18)
 - b. March 7th 2017, 10 AM - 2 PM; Riverside Co. Flood Control
8. Meeting Adjourn 2:35

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