

# California Sediment Quality Advisory Committee Meeting

SWRCB Program to Develop Sediment  
Quality Objectives for Enclosed Bays and  
Estuaries of California

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# Meeting Objectives

- **Identify Co-chairs.**
- **Provide Technical Update.**
- **Discuss Boundaries.**
- **Discuss Beneficial Uses and Protection.**
- **Discuss Legal Issues with SWRCB Attorney.**
- **Identify the Priority Issues that should be addressed before the next meeting.**
- **Identify Areas where Committee Members can assist in development.**

# Role of Committee Members

- **Assist in the Development of Policy Alternatives.**
- **Provide constructive criticism on Policy Issues and Alternatives through out the process.**
- **Provide updates to their organizations on the direction and status of SQO development**

# Role of Chairs/Co-Chairs

- **Single Point of Contact for transmitting working documents to SWRCB Staff**
- **Assist in developing agendas**
- **Review meeting summaries**
- **Provide input on effectiveness of stakeholder process**
- **Convey technical concerns for submission to the Scientific Steering Committee.**

# Technical Update

# Primary Concerns

- **Boundaries**
- **Beneficial Uses**
- **Relationship to other Regulatory Programs (TMDLs NPS, NPDES, Dredged Materials).**
- **Application of Objectives and or Weight of Evidence Approach.**
- **Types of Objectives; Develop working definition of numeric and narrative objectives.**

# Policy Development

- **PSD introduced as a working document at the last meeting.**
- **Did not attempt to address the most significant issues in Detail. Beneficial Use Protection and Program Boundaries**
- **From a programmatic perspective these Issues must be addressed prior to others.**

# Defining Boundaries

- Legal Requirements
- Practical Limitations
- Data Limitations



# Beneficial Use

- Will only apply to this program.
- Aquatic Life and Human Health.
- Establish Benthic Communities as indicator of Aquatic Life.
- Baseline for Establishing Protection.
- Define Reference Condition for Region or Waterbody.
- What about Human Health?

# Where to go Next

- Once these two issues are understood in broad terms, we can begin defining them in greater detail and;
- Start addressing other issues ; such as “weight of evidence” approach and developing working definitions for numeric and narrative objectives.
- Begin looking at existing policies. Cutting and pasting is easy!