## Purpose and Task

### GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

1) Oversee implementation of watershed MOU and Strategic Plan and review progress.

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2) Review and update information about agency and program goals, objectives and activities by region, subregion or watershed, building on California NPS Implementation Plan, agency strategic plans (eg Coastal Conservancy), CalFed reports, DPR’s Representative Watersheds, Great Places database and other existing plans, maps and documents. Identify strategic opportunities for additional cooperation that will result in more efficient and effective watershed protection.

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3) Use information about activities and opportunities from above to support the Ocean Protection Council in identifying state agency priorities for coastal watersheds and recommend ways to improve agency protection and facilitate stakeholder stewardship.

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4) Establish performance measures and indicators related to coordination, collective investment and local involvement, building on and incorporating appropriate measures from existing programs such as CalFed, SCWRP, Fishery Grants and others.

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5) Demonstrate watershed health.
   a) Summarize current use of watershed-related indicators and performance measures for purpose of creating framework to evaluate our capacity to demonstrate improvements to watershed health. Report back to Steering Committee.

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   b) Evaluate utility of existing watershed related indicators for assessing watershed conditions and watershed trends, and performance measures for assessing watershed program progress. Make recommendations for improvement and identify opportunities for coordinated monitoring. Report back to Steering Committee.

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INFORMATION TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND TO DEMONSTRATE WATERSHED HEALTH

1) Develop and implement more coordinated monitoring strategies and integrated analyses among state, federal and local organizations to demonstrate watershed health in California based.

   - Watershed Portal draft 3-21 sv-05

   OEHHA, SWRCB, CalFed, CDF, DFG, DHS, SCC, USEPA

   SWRCB/Norton and RA

   Winter 2005 to Spring-2006

2) Ensure that state data and information is available to agencies and the public.

   a) Review existing state watershed databases and websites, determine their effectiveness for providing access and facilitating use of state data, and recommend ways to improve and maintain them.

      CalEPA and RA

      agencies

      RA/Ellison, RA/Ellison and Miller

      Summer-Fall 2005

   b) Determine if outsourced databases continue to deliver value and, if so, develop strategy for sustaining them.

      RA, SWRCB and the public

      RA/Ellison and Bleier, SWRCB/ Miller

      Fall 2005

   c) Ensure implementation of Resources Agency policy requiring that products funded through Props 40 and 50 be catalogued on-line through the CA Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES) and the Watershed Portal website.

      Resources Agency, RA/Ellison

      May 2005

   d) Develop CalEPA policy as needed for ensuring that its organizations catalog environmental information and data resources via CERES, the Watershed Portal website, or other sites.

      CalEPA, SWRCB et al

      CalEPA/Brausch

      SWRCB/Miller

      Spring-summer 2005

   e) Add section to California Watershed Portal on protocols for field data collection and analysis, and require agency programs to make this information known via the Watershed Portal.

      Resources Agency, DWR, SWRCB, CalFed, DFG, federal agencies, et al

      RA/ Ellison

      May 2005

3) Ensure use of common GIS framework data by completing standardization for water bodies and watersheds and requiring use of standards by all agency programs.

   SWRCB, DWR, DFG, CDF, DPR, federal agencies

   SWRCB/ Miller

   July 2005

   June 2005

4) Develop strategy to implement survey of local watershed data needs and sources (CWC product).

   Resources and SWRCB

   RA/Ellison

   May 2005

REGULATORY COORDINATION

1) Coordinate non-regulatory and regulatory programs where possible to improve resource protection.

   a) Coordinate Regional Board work plans for TMDLs with coho recovery activities

      SWRCB, Regional Boards and DFG

      SWRCB/Harris, DFG/Newton

      soon
b) Seek projects that integrate habitat and ecosystem restoration with water quality attainment standards through the Southern CA Wetland Recovery Program, habitat joint ventures and other forums.

2) Develop programmatic approaches to restoration programs as appropriate.
   a) Complete programmatic 401 Certification for small restoration projects (CWC recommendation)

   b) Develop 401 certification of DFG Fishery Grants Program.

3) Coordinate regulatory programs where possible by using watershed-based approaches
   a) Identify opportunities in North Coast watersheds and develop pilot to test use of TMDLs to provide CEQA documents for analyzing cumulative watershed effects, developing harvest mitigations and issuing timber harvest permits.

**FUNDING, COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT AND ECONOMICS**

1) Coordinate grant programs and funding programs across agencies to improve agency efficiencies and to make it easier for public to access necessary information and guidance
   a) Continue state level discussions to 1) identify programs with compatible objectives, timelines and geographic scopes in order to schedule development of program criteria, RFPs, directed activities and technical reviews of proposals, and to 2) consider regional venues for similar process and recommend next steps.
   b) Continue to support informal collaborative efforts such as the Central Coast funding group.
   c) Share results of SWRCB evaluation of benefits and disadvantages of consolidated RFP process and make recommendations about similar processes.

2) Establish Prop 40 IWMP (Integrated Watershed Management Program) grants program with multiple agencies and with the public. (CWC recommendation)

3) Continue to support the So. CA Wetlands Recovery Project in its wetland watersheds work, including interagency inventory, monitoring, and project work.
4) Identify key federal watershed grant programs that we would like to work on early with federal agencies for next year, including NRCS, USEPA, NOAA, USFS.

   a) Cooperate on evaluation of watershed proposals for EPA's Targeted Watershed Grants Program RA, SWRCB, DOC, CalFed, DFG et al

PROJECT LEVEL COORDINATION, LOCAL INVOLVEMENT AND STEWARDSHIP

1) Identify opportunities to work together to solve the Arundo problem in Southern California

   c) Develop framework for CWAM urban edition to address more urbanized and So CA watersheds, arrange funding, and develop manual.

   SCC, DFG, SWRCB DPR RA/Bleier and SWRCB/Evoy

   CDF, OEHHA, UC, CDF/Henly, SWRCB, BDA, Summer 2005
   DFG, SCC, DWR, UCD/Shilling;
   SWRCB, BDA, December 2005
   RWQCBs, USFS, OEHHA/
   NRCS, local Washburn January 2006
   agencies, colleges -June 2007

2) Provide guidance to public for watershed assessment and planning (CWC).

   a) Implement CALFED program to promote community based watershed management efforts that meld local watershed management objectives with the regional goals and objectives of CALFED. BDA, DOC, CDF, CalFed and Watershed
   DWR, DFG, Subcommittee / DWR, SWRCB, Lowrie Ongoing
   SWRCB, local
   stakeholder groups

   b) Consider new interagency options for providing watershed technical assistance and make recommendations, considering options such as pooling resources. BDA, DOC, CDF, CalFed IWAT/
   DWR, SWRCB, Lorenzato, Fall 2005
   DPR, USEPA Lowrie

   c) Continue to support watershed activities through DFG's Fishery Grants Program DFG DFG/Newton Spring 2005

   d) Evaluate preliminary effects of integrated water supply and water quality on watershed groups and watershed activities through the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (Prop 50, Chapter 8) and recommend ways to continue to promote and improve integration among local agencies and watershed management. SWRCB, DWR, CalFed, SCC, local
   SWRCB/Evoy, agencies DWR, and
   RA/Bleier Spring 2006