

Item 6 Attachment

December 2, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Technical Review Committee

From: Meg Sedlak and Jay Davis

Re: Joint Meeting between the Southern California Coastal Water Resources Project

The Southern California Coastal Water Resources Project (SCCWRP) is a joint powers authority comprised of dischargers and regulators that oversee water quality in the Southern California Bight. Many of SCCWRP's research and monitoring interests complement work that is currently being undertaken by the RMP and SFEI (e.g., benthic assessments, emerging contaminants and historical ecology). We have been fortunate to have a number of SCCWRP staff serving on our workgroups (e.g. Exposure and Effects – Steve Weisberg, and Sources Pathways and Loadings-Eric Stein).

Steve Weisberg, the Executive Director of SCCWRP, has suggested that their technical review panel (the Commission Technical Advisory Group) meet with the RMP's Technical Review Committee to discuss mutual areas of interest. CTAG is a panel of representatives from SCCWRP's member agencies and serves functions similar to the TRC. The goal of this meeting would be to discuss areas where collaboration can be built to more effectively address areas of mutual concern between the two monitoring programs.

Based on brief discussions with CTAG, the TRC and the SC, we are currently envisioning a one-day meeting in which the beginning would be devoted to the goals and structures of the two monitoring programs and the bulk of the day would focus on areas of mutual interest such as identifying causes of stressors (in relationship to sediment toxicity), emerging contaminants, and benthic assessments.