



**Minutes  
Recognition Awards Meeting  
Inter Agency Coordinating Committee Meeting  
October 7, 2003**

**IACC DUTY STATEMENT:** The primary duties of the IACC organization are to 1) Improve interagency coordination and to promote Statewide consistency in NPS Programs; 2) To promote a watershed approach in addressing NPS pollution; 3) To provide a forum for resolving policy and programmatic conflicts among agencies.

**OCTOBER MEETING GOAL STATEMENT:** To provide closure to the process for the NPS 5-Year Implementation Plan, and to celebrate the 18-month effort by IACC member agencies. To re-assess member agency's needs in light of current budgetary shortcomings.

**ATTENDEES:** Michael August (DPR), Gary Fregien (DPR), James Giannopoulos (SWRCB), Barbara Todd (CDFA), Diane Edwards (SWRCB), Claudia Moore (CIWMB), Clay Brandow (CDF), Trinda Bedrossian (DOC), Dale Hopkins (RWQCB-2), Lisa Sniderman (BCDC), John Andrew (DWR), Kent Kitade (CDFA), Mindy McIntyre (CDFA), Kathy Brunetti (CDPR), Jack Gregg (CCC), Derek Lee (CCC), Jessie Maxfield (SWRCB), Steve Fagundes (SWRCB), Bill Ryan (DTSC), Ken Decio (CIWMB)

**Telephone Attendees:** Talitha Sweaney (RWCB-8), Bruce Posthumus (RWQCB-9), Nadim Zeywar (RWQCB-7), Lori Webber (RWQCB-5), John Turner (F&G)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements made at the IACC meeting included the following information:

- California 2003 NPS Conference: The conference is to take place from November 5 to 7 in Ventura, and openings are still available.
- A meeting to discuss the Agriculture Waiver will be held at Region 5 sometime in mid-November. Stakeholders will be invited to this information meeting. If interested in more information, please contact Kelly Briggs at the RWQCB-5 or Jessie Maxfield at SWRCB.
- Changes in the Schedule for future IACC meetings were discussed with the group. The next meeting will be in coordination with the NPS RoundTable and will be held on January 14. Meeting will be held quarterly, rather than bimonthly for 2004. Subsequent dates are: April 15, July 14 (combined with NPS Round Table) and October 14, 2004.

- The H2O Conference to be held in Long Beach, CA was also announced. It was to be held on October 23-25, sponsored by the California Coastal Coalition.
- An announcement for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual California Aquatic Bioassessment Workgroup to be held at the CalEPA Building on December 2-4 was also announced. Interested parties should contact Jim Harrington at DFG ([jharring@ospr.dfg.ca.gov](mailto:jharring@ospr.dfg.ca.gov).)
- The Ecological Farming Association will be holding an Eco-Landscaping: Profiting From A Green Future conference on January 10, 2004. For further information, contact Ken Decio at the CIWMB, or [www.ecolandscapes.org](http://www.ecolandscapes.org).

## **GUEST INTRODUCTION**

The IACC had a special guest at the October meeting. The new SWRCB Board Member, Nancy Sutley, honored us with her time. Nancy was appointed by Governor Davis in May 2003. Prior to that, she served as the Deputy Secretary for Policy and Intergovernmental Relations at the CalEPA. From 1993-1999, she worked at the USEPA as a Special Assistant to the Senior Policy Advisor at the Region 9 Administration. She also served as the Policy Director for the National Independent Energy Producers and as an Industry Economist for FERC.

Nancy Sutley spoke about the importance of the NPS Program, and had many words of encouragement, which was sorely needed during these times of budgetary difficulties and potential gubernatorial changes.

We are grateful for Ms. Sutley's attention to the IACC.

## **AWARDS OF APPRECIATION**

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the IACC members that participated in the year-long effort to prepare the Five Year Implementation Plan. Nancy Sutley assisted in handing out the rewards to deserving participants. This awards ceremony was the primary purpose of the meeting, to signify the closing of a tremendous effort.

## **AGENCY STATUS NETWORKING**

At this point, the rest of the meeting was spent in discussing the state of affairs, and state of uncertainty, that each Department was facing. Department's successes, and programs that were anticipated to be continued through future months were shared. Departments that participated in this networking effort included CDFA, CDF, RWQCB5, DTSC, SWRCB, CCC, BCDC, IWMB, RWQCBs 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

The SWRCB in cooperation with USEPA has been developing a strategy for success monitoring and of the NPS Program. The strategy, when fully developed, will also be

useful in developing future action for the Program. A brief introduction to this concept and to the Six NPS Management Questions was made. The Six Questions are:

1. What is the quality of water in California?
2. What is the extent of impairments associated with nonpoint waivers?
3. What are the nonpoint sources that are impairing or threatening water quality?
4. Is water quality getting better or worse?
5. Is the California NPS Program investing resources consistent with water quality?
6. Are NPS investments effective in protecting and restoring water quality.

More will be discussed on this topic at the January meeting.

Additionally, follow-up on some of the commitments for federal and local agency involvement and ideas for future collaboration, such as collaborative monitoring, was also discussed.

**NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2004**

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