

California Water Quality Monitoring Council Endorses Statewide Wetland Monitoring Strategy!



The California Water Quality Monitoring Council formally endorses the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup's (CWMW) coordinated strategy to assess the extent and health of California's wetland resources.

CHECK OUT the [Tenets of a State Wetland and Riparian Area Monitoring Program \(WRAMP\)](#). It proposes a bold new strategy to improve the State's wetland monitoring and assessment systems while minimizing new costs and maximizing public access to assessment information. The WRAMP is intended to serve all State agencies and support the State Water Resources Control Board's new [Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy](#).

In its [June 22 letter to the Workgroup](#), the Monitoring Council calls for every agency and program involved in California's wetlands to find ways to incorporate the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup's statewide strategy. The Council calls on the Workgroup to "provide broad oversight and direction" and act as the coordinating body for wetland monitoring, assessment and data management.

The [California Water Quality Monitoring Council](#), formed through a collaborative agreement between the California Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Agencies, has been tasked with enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of water quality and associated ecosystem monitoring throughout the State. The [California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup \(CWMW\)](#), a formal workgroup of the Monitoring Council, coordinates the efforts of 23 state, federal, and local organizations to assess the extent and condition of California's wetlands. Their [California Wetlands Portal](#) was released in March of this year.

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