California Bacteria Summit

Item 4c: Framework for Inland Beach Recreational Monitoring

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Inland Beach Recreational Monitoring

- Statewide objectives exist within the Bacteria Provisions for inland surface waters, enclosed bays and estuaries.

- No statewide monitoring exists…yet

- Sporadic monitoring from regional water boards, tribal governments, and local community groups.

- Has and continues to be a data gap within the Safe to Swim Network.

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Assembly Bill No. 1066 (Bloom, 2021)

• Signed into law October 8, 2021 – Priority inland water-contact recreation sites: water quality monitoring.

• Lays the groundwork for defining what a priority inland water contact recreation site is, and what a statewide monitoring program should include.

• Names the California Water Quality Monitoring Council as the primary implementation entity in coordination with the Water Board and California Department of Public Health.

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AB 1066 Mandates

- July 1, 2022 – The Council directs a workgroup to study recreation hazards at priority water contact recreation sites.

- July 1, 2023 – The workgroup submits a report to the Council identifying water contact recreation sites along with the hazards associated with contact recreation and how to reduce those risks.

- December 31, 2023 – The Council proposes to the State Board a definition of a priority water contact recreation site, and recommendations and requirements for establishing a monitoring program.

Current Implementation Status

- Plan is to tentatively utilize the Inland Beach Monitoring Workgroup.

- CDPH received funding to support a staff person Joe Christen to help co-chair the workgroup.

- Water Board was unfunded and looking for staff to support the workgroup.

Questions?

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