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Water Boards

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program

Northern California Workshop: June 20, 2015

by Christine Sotelo

July 1, 2014 Program Transfer to SWRCB

1 Year Summary

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Expert Review Panel

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What We Did

Vacated Positions

Researched Other AB's By-Laws

Revised the By-Laws

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Article VI

Operational Procedures

- Meetings held at least 3 times a year
- One of the meetings will be held in October
- October Meetings will alternate between Northern California and Southern California annually.
- By-Laws to be reviewed at least once every 2 years

Article VI

Operational Procedures.
ELAP shall request to all recommendations within 90 days.
The response shall be made available to the public and include whether the requester was accepted, denied, or pending based on the guidelines. ELAP shall also provide an explanation and how it will be implemented (where applicable) and justify.

Questions?

On to the changes...

Articles I and II

Article I

- No changes

Article 2

- Language added to comply with the law for holding open meetings.
- Ensures that all meetings are open to the public and that prior notice of location, time and agenda items are available.

Article V

Appointments, Elections and Voting

- All nominations submitted in writing to Chairperson
- Comprehensive review done by Division to ensure diverse Committee
- Reporter nominated and elected during October meeting
- Can only be voted for by current Representatives

Article IV

Membership
The committee shall consist of 10 members, 5 representatives and 5 officers.

Article IV

Terms
Representatives 3 years & 2 years
Officers 1 year & 2 years
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 - Representatives
 - Officers
- Restructuring of Representatives
 - More comprehensive list to ensure a well rounded committee with technical expertise.
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- Implementation of a performance based and accountable accreditation program

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Expectations

- Attend all ELTAC meetings
- Provide annual report to ELTAC about correspondence with constituents
- Failure to meet expectations may result in removal from ELTAC

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- ELAP shall respond to all recommendations within 30 days
 - The response shall be made available to the public and include whether the suggestion was accepted, denied, or needs more time for consideration.
- ELAP shall seek advice on regulations and fees related to environmental laboratory technology and practice.

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