

# ROLE OF THE SCIENCE TEAM

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- **Technical support**
  - Ensure the best technical information is available to decisionmakers
- **Scientific research**
  - Fill data gaps or create tools where necessary
- **Our success is measured by the utility of our products**
  - Our goal: the State isn't sued over technical issues

# CHARGE TO THE PANEL

- **Provide independent technical review of policy development products**
- **Provide critical scientific insight**
  - **Data gaps, alternative approaches, limits of interpretation**
  - **Potential management implications**
- **Provide guidance for science team and the State**
  - **Thought process, feasibility of application, alert to unforeseen roadblocks**

# Where We've Been

- **October 2010**
  - Workplan review and approval
- **April 2011**
  - Establishing reference condition
  - Monitoring infrastructure
- **October 2011**
  - Initial technical products (reference condition)
  - Pilot study (initial test application)
  - Preview next technical steps (Scoring tools, Causal assessment)

# TODAY'S AGENDA

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- **Regulatory Update**
- **Scoring Tool Development**
- **Regional application of the Scoring Tool**
- **Causal Assessment Update**
- **Public Forum**
  
- **Panel in Closed Session Tomorrow**
  - **Public Report Out at 3:00 PM**

# Next Steps For the Science Team

- **Finalize our scoring tool and thresholds**
  - Beta testing by stakeholders
  - Draft technical products
- **Causal assessment**
  - Culmination of our case studies
- **Statewide application testing**
  - Used in the SWRCB staff report