

ASBS Natural Water Quality Committee

March 19, 2008, 11:00 - 4:00

Meeting Location: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Building T-29

State Board resolution 2004-052, Section 3.a. provides the mission of the Committee to evaluate the UCSD/SIO Monitoring Data, advise the Regional Board regarding impacts of Scripps' discharges to ASBS and to answer the questions: a) is natural water quality being altered, and b) is the marine aquatic life beneficial use in the ASBS being protected? The committee will focus on Scripps and other relevant La Jolla data to answer this main question over the permit cycle. The committee also clearly recognized the importance of their work in the context of the greater ASBS, Ocean Plan, and storm water issues. In response all have agreed that their work should provide guidance for assessing impacts to water quality in any ASBS in the State. Three areas of emphasis have been agreed on: 1) Are water quality objectives and permit limits being met? 2) What are impacts to marine species and communities? 3) What would ambient marine water quality be like without waste discharges, and how does effluent impact that water quality?

Agenda

- 1) Approve December 2007 minutes
- 2) Update on ASBS regulatory progress and assessment of application monitoring data
- 3) Finalize the recommendation to the SWRCB regarding guidelines for improved monitoring for DFA grant projects (based on teleconferences on Feb. 27 & 28, 2008)
- 4) Discuss and refine the natural water quality definition
- 5) Annual Report approval and review of the presentation to the SWRCB
- 6) A progress report on the winter '08 pilot monitoring, and Regional Monitoring design (including intertidal biology) for ASBS,
- 7) Set meeting schedule for the remainder of 2008