

# Quality Assurance Memorandum

## February 24, 2014

**To:** The Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) Roundtable Members

**CC:** Renee Spears (State Water Resources Control Board); Data Management Team (Moss Landing Marine Laboratory); Bryn Phillips (UC Davis, Granite Canyon); Debra Denton (USEPA Region 9)

**From:** Quality Assurance Team (QA Team) at Moss Landing Marine Laboratory

**RE:** SWAMP Roundtable Vote Results - Chronic Endpoint Analysis in the SWAMP Database

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### **Background**

The QA Team distributed a memorandum on January 15, 2014, asking SWAMP Roundtable voting members to vote via email to accept or reject the SWAMP Toxicity Workgroup recommendation to capture, store and analyze the chronic endpoints data in the SWAMP Database. In addition the SWAMP Toxicity Workgroup recommended that all SWAMP-comparable projects submitting toxicity data should adhere to these guidelines. Prior data submissions, not including chronic toxicity data or analyses, shall include a unique qualifier.

### **Summary**

The SWAMP Roundtable vote was unanimously in favor of the proposed update. It is summarized in the following table (*continued on following page*):

| <b>Voting Member</b> | <b>Response</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Region 1             | Approve         |
| Region 2             | Approve         |
| Region 3             | Approve         |
| Region 4             | Approve         |
| Region 5             | Approve         |
| Region 6             | Approve         |



| Voting Member | Response |
|---------------|----------|
| Region 7      | Approve  |
| Region 8      | Approve  |
| Region 9      | Approve  |
| State Board   | Approve  |

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**Outcome**

The approved updates will become effective on January 1, 2014, and will be incorporated into the forthcoming revision of the SWAMP QA Program Plan. In the meantime, this memorandum will be:

- Emailed to the SWAMP Roundtable;
- Distributed to subscribers of the SWAMP Lyris list

**References**

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SWRCB, 2014, SWAMP Toxicity Ballot - Chronic Endpoint (01-15-14). OIMA Sacramento, CA USA.

