

EFFECTIVESS MONITORING COMMITTEE Membership Roster

MEMBER	SEAT TYPE	SPECIALTY	AFFILIATION	TERM EXP.
CO-CHAIRS				
Jonathan Muerer	Co-Chair (EMC Members)	Geology, Hydrology, and Water Quality	CVRWQCB	Co-Chair term expiration: 08/25/2029
Ryan Hilburn	Co-Chair (Board)	Forestry & Forest Operations	Board of Forestry and Fire Protection	05/14/2029
MONITORING COMMUNITY				
Michael Jones, Ph.D. RPF #3241	Academic	Forest Health and Disturbance Ecology	Forest Advisor Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma Counties University of California Cooperative Extension	08/17/2026
Mathew Nannizzi	Public	Aquatic Biology	Green Diamond Resource Company	11/02/2026
Sal Chinnici	Public	Wildlife	Humboldt and Mendocino Redwood Companies	07/24/2028
Matt O'Connor, Ph.D.	Public	Geology and Geomorphology	Public, O'Connor Environmental Inc.	01/18/2028
Givonne G. Law	Public	Forest Ecology and Forestry	East Bay Regional Park District	09/26/2028
Leander Love-Anderegg, Ph.D.	Academic	Forest Ecology and Forestry	Academic University of California, Santa Barbara	03/06/2028
Christopher Surfleet, Ph.D.	Academic	Forest Hydrologist	Academic California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	02/26/2030
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES				
Michelle Coppoletta	Agency	Vegetation and Fire Ecology	USFWS	n/a
Michael Baker, Ph.D.	Agency	Forest Wildlife	CAL FIRE	n/a
Ben Waitman, Ph.D.	Agency	Wildlife	CDFW	n/a
Jonathan Wachter, Ph.D.	Agency	Soils, Rangelands, Climate Change	CNRA	n/a
Marjan Ghotbizadeh	Agency	Water Quality and Management	SWRCB	n/a
Izaac Russo	Agency	Geology and Water Quality	NCRWQCB	n/a
Clay Allison	Agency	Engineering Geology, Geomorphology, and Hydrology	CGS	n/a

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NAME	SPECIALTY	AFFILIATION
SUPPORT STAFF		
Tony Andersen	Forestry and Fire Protection, Land Use Planning	Executive Officer, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Dave Fowler	Geology and Water Quality	NCRWQCB
Andrew Lawhorn		Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Kristina M. Wolf, Ph.D. CRM #122	Rangeland and Restoration Ecology	Senior Environmental Scientist, Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Key: CAL FIRE = California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife; CGS = California Geological Survey; CRM = CVRWQCB = Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board; Certified Rangeland Manager; NCRWQCB = North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; NOAA NMFS = National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service; RPF = Registered Professional Forester; SWRCB = State Water Resources Control Board; USFS = United States Forest Service; USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Agency representatives' guidance: "Natural Resources Agency, Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Geological Survey, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards, National Marine Fisheries Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. Review Team agencies will assign a lead representative and a back-up representative. Mr. Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, will be consulted regarding agency representation."

CURRENT AGENCY SEATS ARE FILLED AS FOLLOWS:

- Natural Resources Agency: Jonathan Wachter, PhD
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Ben Waitman, PhD
- California Geological Survey: Clay Allison
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: Michael Baker, PhD
- State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards: Izaac Russo, Jonathan Meurer, Marjan Ghotbizadeh
- US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, or National Marine Fisheries Service: Michelle Coppoletta