

Notes – CEDEN User Group Meeting

November 21, 2019

1. Welcome

2. BeachWatch Data Transfer

The State Water Resources Control Board implements the California Clean Beaches Program. A component of this program is obtaining water quality data, specifically bacteria results, reported by coastal communities. These data are collected in the Water Boards' BeachWatch database and can currently be viewed using a query tool found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/beaches/search_beach_mon.html.

To have a more complete water quality data set accessible in one location and in a compatible format, Water Board staff are setting up a weekly process for the BeachWatch data to replicate and transform into CEDEN, similar to the Regional Data Center (RDC) or the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) databases.

There is currently BeachWatch data in CEDEN with sampling dates through 2013. These data were uploaded through the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) RDC because SCCWRP administered the BeachWatch database previously. This current data transfer effort will include data with a sampling date of 2014 and greater.

During the meeting, two data providers to CEDEN said that they also provide the same data to BeachWatch. A Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff person said that several entities that the Regional Board regulates likely also submits the same data to both databases. Accordingly, the State Board team will work to prevent duplicates in CEDEN.

The current schedule is to start transferring BeachWatch data into CEDEN in mid-December.

More information about the Clean Beaches program can be found at

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/beaches/beach_water_quality/background.html.

3. Wrap Up

Next Meeting: January 16, 2020 (the December meeting is cancelled)