Notes – CEDEN User Group Meeting

Date: **April 21, 2016**

Item No.	Item
1	**Welcome**

2	**Updates**
	Provide a couple of brief updates regarding CEDEN.
	
	Two topics were discussed during the Updates section of the agenda.
	
	1. An email was sent to the CEDEN list serve regarding the open comment period on the proposed changes to the data entry templates. See http://ceden.org/template_changes.shtml for the proposed changes. Please submit comments to ceden@waterboards.ca.gov no later than May 19.
	
	2. The grant project to connect CEDEN to the Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and to provide web services continues. CEDEN staff are now working with contractors on the web services part of the project. The group decided it would be most beneficial to produce the web services from CEDEN directly instead of from WQX because of
	  • Timeliness (instead of waiting for additional data transfers, the data would be available soon after they were added to CEDEN),
	  • CEDEN data completeness (a lot of CEDEN data are not being transferred to WQX due to vocabulary and business rules and some of the data that are making it may be losing meaning so translating it back would further reduce the amount and meaning being conveyed by the data), and
	  • Value (the National Water Quality Monitoring Council now provides web services and includes Storet data).
	
	This part of the project should be completed in August.

3	**Quality Assurance/Quality Control Information** *Discuss the attached draft website language regarding QA/QC*

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	The group reviewed the proposed new QA web page. Comments that were made were in regards to noting that data must be of sufficient quality in order to be used for 303(d) assessment purposes and in regards to whether data collected for compliance with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit met the QA requirements for being assessed for the 303(d) list. The proposed language was modified to reference the QA requirements of the listing policy and the new page has been added to the website. This page can be found by selecting "Learn about data quality" in the "How Can I" drop down box near the top of the CEDEN home page. Direct compliance with an NPDES permit will not necessarily ensure that the requirements for 303(d) assessment will be met. However, it may be that in order to comply with the NPDES permit, a permittee develops the needed standard operating procedures and quality assurance plans to meet the QA requirements of the listing policy.
4	**<u>Wrap Up</u>** *Next meeting: May 19, 2016*