

Biomonitoring California¹
Scientific Guidance Panel Meeting
March 4, 2026: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm²

Attendees can join the meeting via the webinar online or in the George Alexeeff Environmental Health Library on the 16th floor of the Elihu M. Harris State Office Building at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA. Visit the meeting page³ for the webinar link and other instructions.

All times shown below are approximate and subject to change.

Logistics (~12:59 pm)

McKenna Thompson, MPH, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

Welcome (~1:00 pm)

Kris Thayer, PhD, Director, OEHHA

Overview of the Meeting (~1:05 pm)

Chair, Scientific Guidance Panel (SGP)

Program Update (~1:10 pm)

Presentation: Nerissa Wu, PhD, MPH, California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Panel and Audience Questions

Open Discussion and Input

Break (~1:45 pm)

Exploration of Current Monitoring Methods for Microplastics (~1:55)

Introduction to session: Jeff Wagner, PhD, Environmental Health Laboratory, CDPH

Panel and Audience Questions

Presentation: Dicle Yardimci, PhD, MS, Department of Toxic Substances Control

Panel and Audience Questions

Open Discussion and Input

Presentation: Matt Campen, PhD, MSPH, University of New Mexico

Panel and Audience Questions

Open Discussion and Input

Open Public Comment Period (~3:50)

Wrap-up and Adjournment (~4:00)

¹ California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program (CECBP), codified at Health and Safety Code section 105440 *et seq.*

² The meeting will adjourn early if business is concluded.

³ <https://biomonitoring.ca.gov/events/biomonitoring-california-scientific-guidance-panel-meeting-march-2026>

Biomonitoring California and Its Scientific Guidance Panel

The Scientific Guidance Panel (SGP) of the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program (codified at Health and Safety Code section 105440 et seq.; also known as Biomonitoring California) was established in legislation (SB 1379, Perata and Ortiz, Chapter 599, Statutes of 2006) to provide scientific oversight to the Program. The Program is a collaboration of three departments in California state government: the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The Program measures levels of environmental contaminants in California residents. This information will be used to identify emerging environmental hazards and to evaluate the effectiveness of existing environmental programs. Biomonitoring data will ultimately be used by policy-makers to protect Californians from environmental contaminants through better environmental programs and laws.

Meeting Participation and Comment

The order of items on the agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the Chair. Materials related to the meeting are posted on the Biomonitoring California website under the “Meetings” tab (<https://www.biomonitoring.ca.gov/meetings>).

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