

Biomonitoring California¹
Scientific Guidance Panel Meeting
August 3, 2026: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm²

Attendees can join the meeting via the webinar online or at the California Endowment's Center for Healthy Communities Oakland, 2000 Franklin St., Oakland, CA 94612.

Visit the meeting page³ for the webinar link and other instructions.

All times shown below are approximate and subject to change.

Logistics (~9:59 am)

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

Welcome (~10:00 am)

OEHHA

Overview of the Meeting (~10:05 am)

Tom McKone, PhD, Chair, Scientific Guidance Panel (SGP)

Program Update (~10:10 am)

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

Panel and Audience Questions

Panel Discussion and Input

The Use of Biomonitoring Data in Chemical Risk Assessments and Management in Canada (~10:45 am)

Opening Remarks: Kathleen Attfield, ScD, CDPH

Presentation: Tyler Pollock, PhD, Senior Scientist, Environmental Health Science and Research Bureau, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch, Health Canada

Panel and Audience Questions

Panel Discussion

Lunch (~12:00 pm)

Evaluating Participant Feedback on Biomonitoring California Results Return Materials (~1:00 pm)

Presentation: Kiera Melton, MPH, CDPH

Panel and Audience Questions

Presentation: Nancy Burke, PhD, Professor of Public Health, Department Chair, University of California (UC) Merced

Panel and Audience Questions

Discussion and Input

Break (~2:35)

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-august-2026>

CHAIRS-LA: Community Health and Air Quality Implications of Refinery Retirements in Los Angeles (~2:45 pm)

Presentation: Marinelle Villanueva, PhD Candidate, Environmental Health Sciences, UC Los Angeles

Panel and Audience Questions

Panel Discussion and Input

Open Public Comment (~3:45 pm)

Wrap-up and Adjournment (~4:00 pm)

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 is being 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 (<http://www.biomonitoring.ca.gov/meetings>).

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