

**Biomonitoring California<sup>1</sup>**  
**Scientific Guidance Panel Meeting**

**November 12, 2020: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm<sup>2</sup>**

*This meeting will be held by webinar. Visit the meeting page<sup>3</sup> for details.*

*All times shown below are approximate and subject to change.*

**Welcome**

Lauren Zeise, PhD, Director, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

**Overview of the Meeting**

Meg Schwarzman, MD, MPH, Chair, Scientific Guidance Panel (SGP)

**AB 617 Biomonitoring Update: Biomarker Research and Potential Study Designs (~10:10 am)**

Presentation: Susan Hurley, MPH and Julia Varshavsky, PhD, OEHHA

Panel Questions

Public Comment

Panel Discussion and Input

**Program Update and Overview of Biomonitoring Surveillance Issues (~11:20 am)**

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

Panel and Audience Questions

**Lunch (~12 pm)**

**Afternoon Session: Challenges in Biomonitoring Surveillance Studies**

**Response Rates for Population-Based Surveys (~1 pm)**

Presentation: Brian Wells, PhD, California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Panel and Audience Questions

**Remarks from Other State Biomonitoring Programs (~1:45 pm)**

Presentation: Amanda Cosser, MPH, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Panel and Audience Questions

Presentation: Rachel Long, MSPH, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Panel and Audience Questions

Presentation: Jessica Nelson, PhD, MPH, Minnesota Department of Health

Panel and Audience Questions

**Break (~2:45 pm)**

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

<sup>2</sup> The meeting will adjourn early if business is concluded.

<sup>3</sup> <https://biomonitoring.ca.gov/events/biomonitoring-california-scientific-guidance-panel-meeting-november-2020>

**Afternoon Discussion Session (~3 pm)**

Introduction: Nerissa Wu, PhD, CDPH

Discussion: Panel, Guest Speakers, and Audience

**Possible Topics for 2021 SGP Meetings (~4 pm)**

Presentation: Sara Hoover, MS, OEHHA

Panel and Public Comment

**Open Public Comment (~4:15 pm)**

**Wrap-up and Adjournment (by 4:30 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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