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## MEMORANDUM

To: Monitoring Coalitions

From: Jay Zimmerman, Director   
Division of Water Resources

Subject: Ambient Data Collection for Metals by Monitoring Coalitions

I greatly appreciate meeting with the coalitions on September 21, 2015, and extend my thanks for your continued efforts to monitor our surface waters. It is clear to me that many of the concerns expressed at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting suggest the need for further discussion. For this reason, the reinstatement of metals monitoring by the Coalitions as specified in the July 6, 2015 memorandum is immediately rescinded. It is also my understanding that some of the Coalitions have indicated that they may conduct dissolved metals sampling on a voluntary basis. If that is still the case it might be a good idea to coordinate efforts with our Water Science Section and Planning Section.

I have asked Cyndi Karoly and Jeff Manning to form a small workgroup consisting of DWR staff and external stakeholders to gain additional input and clarity concerning issues related to monitoring dissolved metals, along with identifying a path forward. Staff will keep Coalition members abreast on the formation and outcomes of this workgroup. I thank you again for your comments and encourage each of the coalitions and interested stakeholders to continue your participation with this effort.

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