

Appendix B

HISTORY, ORGANIZATION, AND STAFF

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project was founded in 1969, when five local government agencies (Ventura County, the cities of San Diego and Los Angeles, and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles and Orange Counties) entered into a joint powers agreement to sponsor environmental studies. Their intention was to develop regional scientific information on the coastal waters extending from Point Conception to the Mexican border. To keep the Project free of partisan pressures, its control was delegated to a Commission of local civic leaders and elected officials who would reflect the public concern for environmental quality. In the last year Encina Water Pollution Control Facility and the South East Regional Reclamation Authority have joined the organization. The financial support from local government agencies has been supplemented in the last two years by a series of grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and others.

The Project's 20 scientists are organized into biology, chemistry, biochemistry, and engineering groups, as shown on the organization chart in Figure 1. The staff receives overall guidance from a Consulting Board of eminent scientists from major universities. The members of the research team, identified in Figure 1, are described in the following paragraphs.

WILLARD BASCOM, Project Director

Mr. Bascom has been involved in oceanographic work since 1945. The early part of his career was spent with the University of California, both at Berkeley and at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and the National Academy of Sciences. He has organized and led many ocean science and engineering projects around the world. Mr. Bascom is the author of numerous books and papers about the ocean, a member of