Environmental Monitoring at City College of San Francisco: Leveraging Partners and Collaborators as co-educators

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#### Outline

Environmental Monitoring Certificate (& courses)

- Partners/collaborators
- Challenges
- What does our future hold?

#### **Environmental Monitoring Certificate**

#### Core Courses:

- BIO/SUST 31: Introduction to Environmental Science
- \*EMSA 22: Foundations in Environmental Instrumentation, Sampling and Monitoring
- \*EMSA 28: Environmental Microbiology Methods
- \*GEOG 110: Introduction to GIS
- Optional course work:
  - \*EMSA 30A: Water quality analysis by anion-based chromatography
  - \*SUST 5: Sustainability and the Environment Speaker Series
  - GEOL 30: Environmental Geology
  - GEOL 30L: Environmental Geology Lab
  - CHEM 110: Chemistry and the Environment

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#### **Partners/Collaborators**

Industry: Training on methods and equipment; class tours; questions/expertise

cel analytical, inc. water, wastewater, and soil laboratory services

Public Utilities: Work-based learning opportunities – speakers, tours, internships, reagents



San Francisco Water Power Sewer





Dublin San Ramon Services District Water, wastewater, recycled water

#### **Governmental Agencies**

National Park Service (NPS): problem based learning – example Crissy Marsh



#### Crissy Marsh



### **Crissy Marsh**

Coliform counts from the inlet



Google Map

### **Non-Profit Organizations**



Friends of Sausal Creek

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Problem based learning; internships; help with sampling plans (objectives to monitoring and when/how to monitor); shared opportunities for training by students/for students

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#### Challenges

- Enrollment threat of cancellation
- Marketing getting the word out
- Space for equipment money for program, after grant sunsets
- Staffing (reliable instructors)

#### What does our future hold?

- Work with the different departments, earth science, biology, chemistry for marketing; incorporate monitoring curricula and equipment into their courses
- High school dual enrollment?
- Community Based Organizations (Hunters Point Family – large EPA grant for environment work)
- Grants from EPA, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife (environmental education, training, etc)
- Entrepreneurship: Non-profit status to provide services to non-profits in analysis and field monitoring

# Students sharing their knowledge May 20 – Contra Costa Watershed Forum



# Students Sharing their Knowledge June 4 Bioblitz – CalAcademy & SPAWNERS



## Thank you!



