

**MIDDLE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED
PATHOGEN TMDL WORKGROUP
MEETING NOTES**

February 11, 2010

PARTICIPANTS

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Bobby Gustafson
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Pat Boldt
Bill Rice
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REPRESENTING

Aerial Information Systems
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CDM
City of Corona
City of Riverside
City of San Bernardino Water
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Milk Producers Council (SJRWC)
Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Risk Sciences
Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Southstar Engineering
San Bernardino County Flood Control District
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
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Trident Solutions

Call to Order/Introductions

The Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL Workgroup meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Rick Whetsel at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made by each of the attendees.

Approval of Meeting Notes

Mr. Whetsel asked for any comments or corrections to the January 6, 2010 meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved as submitted.

Discussion: Regional Board Funding for TMDL Activities (Bill Rice)

The Regional Board is planning a project to complete the mapping of agricultural operators in the Middle Santa Ana River Watershed using TMDL funds. The Regional Board has requested that SAWPA through the TMDL Task Force to be administrator for the project. The estimated budget is estimated at \$33,675 with no costs to the Task Force.

The Task Force agreed that it would make sense to administer the project through the Task Force; however, it was decided by the Task Force to wait on a formal vote until there is more certainty about the State budget. SAWPA will send the draft scope of work out to the Task Force for review.

Project Update: 2005-06 Consolidated Grant Project (CDM)

Richard Meyerhoff discussed the status of the Final grant deliverables, due to the Task Force to complete the Prop 40 BMP Implementation Grant project.

He discussed the Draft – BMP Control Strategy and BMP Prioritization Plan, which is due to the State at the end of the month and then discussed how Section 2 of this plan will also serve the Task Force as a separate deliverable for the TMDL and the Counties MS4 permits. Hope Smythe wanted to make sure the Ag was mentioned in the report as well as the urban areas. Mr. Meyerhoff stated this will be in the report, noting that e-coli and fecal concentration data for agriculture will be included in the context of the WLAs and the water quality objectives.

Mr. Meyerhoff asked the Task Force to go over the document, focusing on Section 2, and give their comments by the 19th of February, but could push it out to the 26th if needed. The final grant report will need to be done by the end of March.

Rick Whetsel will coordinate with Matt Yeager and Jason Uhley to make sure the TMDL deliverables are submitted to the Regional Board on Schedule.

Bill Rice/ Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board discussed with the Task Force that he is interested in feedback from stakeholders regarding the “value of the grant project”. Rick Whetsel will send out an email, highlighting some of the processes and asking them to send their responses back to him.

Status Update: Watershed-wide Compliance Monitoring Program (CDM)

Mr. Meyerhoff /CDM presented to the Task Force an update of the Annual Watershed-wide TMDL compliance monitoring program. He reviewed with the Task Force a series of slides showing the latest water quality data, noting it was a wet season this year and therefore, higher bacteria counts were obtained at a number of the sites. A copy of his presentation will be made available on the SAWPA – Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen TMDL Task Force webpage.

Status Update: Source Evaluation Tasks (CDM) (Richard Meyerhoff)

Mr. Meyerhoff provided to the Task Force a status update on the source evaluation work for Chris Basin and Carbon Canyon Creek /Cypress Channel, which were identified as priority areas in the data Analysis report prepared through the Prop 40 grant project.

The reports are near completion and CDM will send out the Draft reports for review by the Task Force in the next few weeks.

Discussion: Preparation of Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan (CBRP) (Tim Moore)

Tim Moore provided a review of the new storm water permits approved Jan 29th. He informed the Task Force that the deliverables of the TMDL have now been moved into the County’s MS4 permits and are now permit deliverables. Now the TMDL will have compliance violations if the Task Force does not submit the TMDL deliverables on schedule. The effective date is January 1, 2010. The compliance end date is December 31, 2015 and the urban waste load allocation becomes effective Jan 1, 2016. The Task Force must be in compliance with urban waste load allocation at that time.

Mr. Moore then reviewed the requirements of the Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan (CBRP) with the Task Force. There was discussion and clarification about the permits as it relates to compliance with

the TMDL. Tim Moore asked how the Task Force wants to begin to prepare this document, because it would take the better part of 10 months to complete.

A question arose regarding adding additional parties to the TMDL. Hope Smythe reminded the Task Force that the TMDL states that if there is data and information that indicates that other, non-regulated, sources are contributing to the problem, they would be issued WDRs and added to the TMDL. If the Task Force needs to add people, they will be added with proper data.

Jason Uhley made a motion that CDM prepare a scope of work on the CBRP through the Task Force, Pat Boldt seconded, and it passed unanimously. Rick Whetsel will contact Pomona and Claremont to inform them that the Task Force is considering taking on the task of completing the CBRP.

Status Update: TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA)

Final FY 2010-11 Budget -

Mr. Whetsel went over the budget with the Task Force, asking for approval of a budget of \$300,000.00 for the fiscal year 2010/2011. Matt Yeager motioned to approve the budget, and it was seconded by Jason Uhley. The budget was passed unanimously.

Other Business

There was no further business to discuss.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjournment

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.