

MIDDLE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED  
PATHOGEN TMDL WORKGROUP  
MEETING NOTES

August 26, 2009

PARTICIPANTS

Richard Meyerhoff  
Andrea Harrington  
Michelle Hindersin  
Cynthia Gabaldon  
Chandra Johanesson  
Jessica Chin  
Autumn DeWoody  
Pat Boldt  
Jim Earsom  
Menu Leddy  
Bill Rice  
Hope Smythe  
Tim Moore  
Jason Uhley  
Matt Yeager  
Bobby Gustafson  
Mark Norton  
Rick Whetsel  
Sara Villa

REPRESENTING

CDM  
City of Claremont  
City of Corona  
City of Pomona  
City of Riverside  
City of Riverside  
Inland Empire Waterkeeper  
Milk Producers Council (SJRWC)  
NRCS  
OCWD  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Risk Sciences  
Riverside County Flood Control & WCD  
San Bernardino County Flood Control District  
San Bernardino Municipal Water District  
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority  
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Call to Order/Introductions

The Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL Workgroup meeting was called to order at 9:44a.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 July 8, 2009 meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved as submitted.

Status Update: Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL (RWQCB)

Ms. Smythe and Mr. Rice noted that there was nothing to report at this time.

Status Update: TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA)

Mr. Whetsel distributed the FY 2009-10 budget worksheet to the members of the Task Force showing the revised Stakeholder allocations based upon the large portion of the carryover to supplement next year's upcoming budget. He stated that \$128,308.00 of the carryover is going to be carried over into the FY09-10 Budget which reduces everyone's contributions from \$17,500.00 down to \$10,730.75. Mr. Whetsel also provided a handout of the Schedule of Deliverables explaining the schedule.

It was asked if the language for Amendment No. 2 adding the Cities of Claremont and Pomona had been resolved. Mr. Moore stated that he needs additional time to work on the issue; he has been very occupied working on the MS4 Permit.

Grant proposal: Methods Comparison for Fecal Indicator Bacteria in Inland Waters (OCWD)

Ms. Leddy provided a handout of the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) Request for Proposal for the *Comparative Evaluation of Molecular and Culture Methods for Fecal Indicator Bacteria for use in Inland Recreational Waters*. Ms. Leddy gave a brief description of the project and the objective of the RFP. She noted that the funding is \$300,000 and it is due September 14, 2009. She noted that the EPA is looking for a method that is done in a couple hours versus a couple of days. The proposal expectations are

that the candidate would already have a team in place to conduct all of the necessary tasks and would be able to communicate the results. She gave a brief description of potential collaborators and funding agencies with SAWPA in the lead. Ms. Leddy pointed out that the study will benefit from the collective team, information, data, and resources that SAWPA and Task Force have in place. Future data and data already assembled for TMDL monitoring may be incorporated into the proposal. There was a brief discussion amongst the stakeholders, and Mr. Moore noted that this is going to go ahead with or without us and he would rather have the Task Force be involved in it. There was a discussion on the concern with the *Bacteroides* and on the *Enterococcus* and *E.coli*. Ms. Leddy stated that she is willing to do the scope of work and Mr. Whetsel noted that SAWPA would be able to assemble and submit the proposal. Ms. Leddy noted that her concern was that the main focus was just on the *Enterococcus* and not based on all three methods. After brief discussion amongst the Stakeholders it was decided that the Task Force will not pursue on this RFP.

#### Discussion: Source Evaluation Tasks (Risk Sciences & CDM)

Mr. Moore informed the members of the Task Force that we are looking into the first application of the TMDL's and the associated waste load allocations into the revised MS4 permits and it is extremely important. He noted that the most likely way that the TMDL and the waste load allocation are put into a permit would be as Effluent Limitations. Mr. Moore brought up the importance of the requirements of the permit and stated that once it is adopted it is extremely difficult to change it. The Draft MS4 permits have the waste load allocations for bacteria installed as effluent limitations. Mr. Moore provided a handout to the Task Force *Federal Water Pollution Control Act*. Mr. Moore noted that he would like the Task Force to commit to a program that obligates the dischargers to implement BMP's in order to achieve compliance with the waste load allocation and get the plan approved by the Regional Board and execute the plan in a timely way. He stated that he suggested to the Regional Board that if we are to have a realistic and credible alternative to effluent limits then it is necessary to extend this Task Force model to permitting. There was a discussion amongst the Stakeholders in regards to what the next step for the Task Force is in regards to the MS4 permit and the Task Force issues. Mr. Moore stated that he would like the Task Force to ask CDM to accept this responsibility and develop a schedule and a budget that suits it. Mr. Yeager made a motion to have CDM approve and start Task 3.1 and 3.2 and it was seconded by Mr. Uhley and abstained by Ms. Chin from City of Riverside. Mr. Whetsel will be preparing a letter to the Regional Board on these Tasks, and it was asked to submit the dates on the Tasks.

#### Status Update: Watershed-wide Compliance Monitoring Program

Mr. Meyerhoff noted that he had a power point presentation, but due to time he will just describe a few items and he noted that the summer sampling there hasn't been any problems and the Prado Park Lake remain in compliance during the summer. Chino and Mill Cucamonga remain out of compliance but the numbers are lower than the previous years.

#### Project Update: 2005-06 Consolidated Grant Project (Risk Sciences & CDM)

Mr. Whetsel noted that he submitted an invoice to the State and the Grant itself is going to come to an end in October. Mr. Yeager stated that he is going to submit a request to extend it, because other funds may be available. There was a brief discussion as far as submitting an extension to the Regional Board and Mr. Whetsel stated he can submit it if the Task Force wants him to. There was a motion by Mr. Yeager for SAWPA to submit an extension for the 2005-06 Consolidated Grant; it was second by Mr. Uhley.

#### Other Business

There was no other business to discuss at this time.

#### Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.