

STORMWATER QUALITY STANDARDS TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY

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City of San Bernardino Water
County of Orange
Flow Science
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Orange County Coastkeeper
Orange County Water District
RBF (County of Orange)
Risk Sciences
Riverside County Flood Control and WCD
San Bernardino County Flood Control District
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1. Introductions / Opening Comments

The Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force meeting was called to order at 11:46 a.m. by Larry McKenney at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

2. Task Force Updates

- State Board REC Use Proposal Update - Dave Woelfel said that there isn't anything new to report.
- 303d List Update – Joanne Schneider said that there is nothing to report.

3. Revised Draft Monitoring Program (Risk Sciences)

Tim Moore sent out the draft monitoring program last week with all the changes made to date; it's at the finish line. The Task Force reviewed the handout, *Revised Draft - Ambient Water Monitoring Plan for Pathogen Bacteria in Freshwaters*. Some clarification was requested as to how antidegradation monitoring for the REC-2 waters was going to be handled specifically. Tim Moore said that the monitoring plan will be deferred for now. Joanne Schneider said she would like the opportunity to rephrase some portions into more regulatory language. Tim Moore referenced page 2 of the draft, noting that this language is silent on REC-2 and REC-X; therefore, he will add a sentence saying that those will be addressed. The Task Force also concurred that it would be good to cite the existing programs in that section as well.

4. REC-1 Classification (A, B, C, D) (Risk Sciences)

Tim Moore referenced the handout, *Proposed Definitions for Application of SSM Tiers to Freshwaters in the Santa Ana Region*. He emphasized the use of the word "tiers" now, in place of "classes". He also stressed to the Task Force that we are translating the data in the section, but not translating the objective. This section will go into the implementation section of the basin plan.

Tim Moore reviewed each of the Tiers, highlighting the significant areas of each description and allowing for discussion.

Joanne Schneider suggested adding a frame of reference condition and archetypes in Tier A. Also in the Natural Condition section, perhaps we need to make it clear that this is a rebuttable presumption. Tim Moore suggested making it clear that it is a supportable conclusion, but it is rebuttable. The Task Force concurred.

Tim Moore noted that Page 2 of the handout reflects what the Task Force requested at the last meeting, although it still shows several classification C's on the list. For this first pass, he asked that the group focus on which of the C's should be changed to D's.

Referencing the *SWQSTF Sub-Committee* handout listing the individual water bodies, the Task Force reviewed each water body and arrived at a consensus as to which ones should be changed from C to D, i.e. the Lower Santa Ana River, Reach 1 should be a D, and Reach 2 should remain a C, etc., and which should be removed from the high priority list. It was noted that if there is uncertainty about a reach, it should be classified as D for now. Joanne Schneider added that through the public participation process, we may get additional information as to why a reach may need to be classified differently.

The group next considered which water bodies should be removed from the high priority list. Some of the lakes were re-categorized to a B in light of new information provided.

5. 13241 Economic Analysis: Update (Risk Sciences)

Referencing the handout *CWC, Section 13241*, Tim Moore said that this is the outline for the new discussion of the analysis of the appropriateness for the objectives. The handout shows the actual text of 13241 and then outlines the key points and considerations. Tim Moore said that the 13241 economic analysis will be written as a subsection of the Staff Report.

6. Technical Task Update (CDM)

- SED Update – Dan Bounds said that the only thing outstanding is the Tiers, which now can be used, except the examples have changed. He'll work on the definitions and forward to Jeff Beehler next week.
- Dry Weather Diversion Memos – Dan Bounds said they have received two sets of comments so far. CDM needs to have the comments by Wednesday, September 22. CDM will be available to answer questions as this starts wrapping up.

Other Business

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting date is to be determined. Notice will be sent out.