

MIDDLE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED
PATHOGEN TMDL WORKGROUP
MEETING NOTES

May 19, 2010

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San Bernardino County Flood Control
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Call to Order & Introductions

The Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL Workgroup meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Rick Whetsel at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. Brief introductions were made by each of the attendees.

Approval of the Meeting Notes

Mr. Whetsel asked for any comments or corrections to the March 18, 2010 meeting notes. It was noted that Sandy Caldwell was not in the participant list. The meeting notes were approved as submitted.

Triennial Report – Review of Regional Board Comments (CDM)

Mr. Meyerhoff reviewed comments on the Triennial Report. Handouts of the comment letters dated April 8th & 27th were provided to the Task Force. He noted that in the first set of comments was a request for submittals of data from CDM and he stated that CDM has provided all the data to SAWPA. Mr. Meyerhoff stated that there was a question with geometric means to provide a running spreadsheet.

The second set of comments had a request for flow data and rainfall data, and Mr. Meyerhoff mentioned that all that information was in the database. Mr. Meyerhoff noted that Mr. Rice requested that he wanted a hardcopy in tables of the actual data and a brief discussion ensued. It was asked that the Task Force submit this data as an Addendum, and when it comes to making the next Season Report that this data be included within the report.

Mr. Whetsel asked about the USGS flow data being outdated on the website versus getting the most updated through Steve Clark at Riverside County FC&WCD for when it comes down to doing the reports. Mr. Yeager noted that he'll follow up to see what kind of flow data they collect daily and he'll let Mr. Whetsel know. Mr. Moore suggested talking to Wildermuth and having them pull out all the rainfall stations and show how they were collaborated in the entire watershed. There was a brief discussion amongst the stakeholders in regards to adding the additional data. Mr. Uhley noted that the rainfall data is archived and kept forever. Mr. Rice noted that he would like to see daily data over the monitoring period even if it is provisional. Mr. Whetsel stated that he would assemble the flow and rainfall data by coordinating with Mr. Uhley and Mr. Yeager and provide it to CDM for inclusion in a addendum to the report. He will also

coordinate with Andy Malone from Wildermuth Environmental to see how their model could support this effort.

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

2010 Wet Season Report

Mr. Whetsel stated that the 2010 Final Wet Season Report was emailed out to the Task Force and is also posted on the SAWPA Website. Mr. Whetsel noted that the report will be submitted to Mr. Thiebeault on behalf of the Task Force and the MS4 permittees.

Scope of Work FY 2010-11

Mr. Whetsel provided a handout of the scope of work for the Middle Santa Ana River TMDL Program Support for FY 2010-11. Mr. Whetsel asked the Task Force if they had any questions or comments to the scope of work. Mr. Rice noted that Task 1.4 needs to be revised in updating the dates of the QAPP in the Monitoring Plan. Mr. Meyerhoff noted that the changes only be on the QAPP. Mr. Yeager made a motion to approve the scope of work with making two minor changes; to make the optional task a non-optional and to keep it limited to 40 hours. Ms. Boldt seconded the motion, and Mr. Meyerhoff stated that he will make the changes.

Mr. Meyerhoff noted that they started the dry season sampling this week and it will go until the end of September.

Status Update: Source Evaluation Tasks (CDM)

Mr. Meyerhoff stated that they received additional comments on April 29th from the Regional Board and he will have these reports completed the first week of June.

Discussion ensued in regards to the Urban Source Evaluation Status Report update due in July, summarizing ongoing and planned activities related to the management of urban sources of bacterial indicators. Mr. Moore noted that if we need to have a proposal submitted to the Regional Board by July 31st then it should be an item in our next Meeting Agenda. Mr. Moore also stated that he would prepare the July status report for the Regional Board, if it is regulatory in nature.

Discussion: Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan (CBRP) (CDM/Tim Moore)

Mr. Meyerhoff noted that CDM is under contract through SAWPA to develop the plan; it was turned into a Phase 1, Phase 2 process. Phase 1 is focusing on establishing the baseline with what's going on with BMPs and the characterization of the watershed. The first deliverable (Tech Memo) will be out this Friday or Monday morning. He noted that by the 2nd week of June, Phase 1 should be complete, and then they will look into Phase 2 and make the adjustments to the CBRP.

Mr. Moore stated that the source evaluation that is due in July will most likely be the last version on the Task Force Deliverable when this product is being produced and evaluated. When and if it gets approved (June 2011) will be the new source evaluation plan with new deadlines, new dates, deliverables, and everything else we may propose. Mr. Moore asked the Task Force if we prepare a source evaluation in parallel in case it doesn't get approved. A brief discussion ensued.

Project Wrap-up: 2005-06 Consolidated Grant Project

Mr. Whetsel noted that he wanted to commend Mr. Meyerhoff and CDM on completing the Consolidated Grant Project. He noted that the final report was emailed out to the Task Force and is posted on the SAWPA website.

Discussion: Future Mission of Task Force

Mr. Moore noted that if things go as planned and have an approved CBRP; that will outline the obligations of the MS4 Agencies and they will be working on that. He noted that the agriculture operators will have their own separate deliverables and have their own timeline. Mr. Moore envisioned the MSAR Task Force as serving a role similar to the Basin Monitoring Task Force after the completion of the TIN/TDS effort. In the future of the MSAR Task Force it would possibly serve as an advisory role and oversee the annual compliance monitoring program. A brief discussion ensued.

Discussion: OWOW and Prop 84 Grant Opportunity

It was asked if TMDL compliance projects were exempt from Prop 84 grant funding, and it was noted that it didn't look like it.

Mr. Whetsel stated that on our website we have an OWOW Project submittal form. He noted that we are accepting projects now and they are due by June 30th. It was asked who was going to be ranking and reviewing the projects. Mr. Whetsel noted that project will be input and ranked by a multi-criteria decision model developed by CDM and that the final project recommendations will be made by the OWOW Steering Committee with the assistance of an outside consultant. He noted that there will be a public meeting on Project Development Workshop on Wednesday, May 26th at SAWPA to answer questions on project submission and rating process.

Update: TMDL Task Force Administration Update (SAWPA)

Revision to FY 2010-11 Budget

Mr. Whetsel provided a handout of the FY2010-11 Revised Task Force Budget. He noted that the budget line item for Source Evaluation work was estimated based upon the Task Force preparing the CBRP and asked if there was a recommendation by the Task Force to reduce the budget. Mr. Uhley recommended that we have this discussion at our next meeting based upon the direction of the Task Force regarding the source evaluation proposal.

Consultant Agreements FY 2010-11

Mr. Whetsel stated that he needs a scope of work from Mr. Moore for FY 2010-11 to distribute to the Task Force for review. Mr. Moore noted that he will get it to him.

Amendment to Task Force Agreement – issue with City of Claremont (Tim Moore)

Mr. Moore stated that he had a discussion with the City of Claremont regarding the language to the Amendment to add the Cities of Claremont and Pomona to the Task Force. He stated that The City of Claremont wanted certain language in the Task Force Agreement and after a brief discussion it was agreed that they could take that statement that they wanted in the contract and make it part of their own resolution of adoption, and approve the contract the way we have it. We are now waiting for the City to send us their revised form of the Amendment.

Other Business

Ms. DeWoody asked about the 2012 303(d) list request for information. She mentioned it came out and she was wondering if there were any plans to submit that data? Ms. Smythe noted that they are compiling it and the deadline has been extended to the end of August.

Ms. Smythe asked what the schedule for SARDA collecting data? Ms. Housel mentioned that they are meeting next week and she'll follow up.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.