

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

March 17, 2010

ATTENDEES:

Jack Nelson, YVWD	Jayne Joy, EMWD
Rebecca Schwartz, City of Redlands	Behrooz Mortazavi, EMWD
Sam Fuller, SBVMWD	Edward Filadelfia, City of Riverside
Val Housel, San Bernardino MWD	Greg Woodside, OCWD
Bobby Gustafson, San Bernardino MWD	Celeste Cantú, SAWPA (Tele)
Gerard Thibeault, CRWQCB	LeAnne Hamilton - IEUA (Tele)
Hope Smythe, CRWQCB	Tim Moore, Risk Sciences
Jack Safely, WMWD	Andy Malone, WE Inc.
Max Rasouli, City of Riverside	Mark Norton, SAWPA
David Aladjem, SBVMWD (Tele)	Regina Patterson, SAWPA
Bonita Fan, IEUA (Tele)	

Call to Order

The Basin Monitoring Program (BMP) Task Force meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority office located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

RWQCB Declaration of Conformance – Risk Sciences

Mark Norton provided background on the history of the “*Declaration of Conformance*” stating the origin of this document was the Reclamation Guidance Document (RGD). The RGD included key provisions on the importance of reclamation, the beneficial use protection, burdens of proof, compliance determination, max benefit demonstrations, and other useful clarifications on water recycling. The Declaration of Conformance was to include the same principles and main items in the RGD. The document was created, reviewed and then approved in the last meeting of this Task Force for presentation to the Regional Board. Once approved, it would then be submitted to the State Board indicating this Task Force is conforming with the State Board Water Recycling Policy.

Gerry Thibeault reported the item is currently on their agenda. There were some changes to page 6 that will be added as an errata sheet. Mr. Norton stated there are concerns regarding three paragraphs on page 6, lines 206 through 223. In discussing that section, Tim Moore said it was an error in editing that the maximum benefit criteria and demonstration examples were inadvertently applied to the assimilative capacity question. This section now correctly refers to maximum benefit demonstrations where they apply to lowering water quality, unless it is associated with changing water quality objectives. The March 5th version will be taken to the Regional Board tomorrow.

Sam Fuller stated he is concerned that they will not be allowed to recycle in the upper watershed area to meet water supply demands. If the language is adopted, how would they be able to get a permit to do a recycled project for an irrigation project? Mr. Thibeault said if the objectives are met, this doesn't apply because you are not asking for maximum benefit. That is the basis for the Declaration of Conformance. The wasteload allocations should meet the

objectives. Mr. Moore said the wasteload allocation must be designed to meet the objectives and the permits are written to meet the wasteload allocation. Mr. Thibeault said if you increase the use it is automatically maximum benefit, if you don't increase the use of recycled water then you have to go through the regular maximum benefit process of demonstration as described in the Basin Plan. Behrooz Mortazavi said he wants the document to be one that cannot be misinterpreted or challenged. Mr. Thibeault said this does not supersede the Basin Plan. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Moore referenced items 12 and 13 of his memo and asked the Task Force if these two items were added to the Declaration of Conformance, would most of the concerns be resolved? The consensus was yes. The Task Force discussed terminology changes and also including the memo as an attachment to the Declaration of Conformance.

Mr. Moore will make the revisions immediately and email to the Task Force this morning.

Future Meetings

Tuesday - April 13, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Handout(s) (available at www.sawpa.org)

1. Review Draft - Declaration of Conformance
2. Risk Sciences Memorandum re Declaration of Conformance dated 3/12/10