

## Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

June 22, 2011

### ATTENDEES:

Jayne Joy, EMWD  
Kristen Wardlaw, YVWD  
Jack Nelson, YVWD  
Joe Zoba, YVMD  
Val Housel, SBMWD  
Jennifer Shepardson, SBMWD  
Linda Garcia, WMWD  
Rebecca Schwartz, City of Redlands

Hope Smythe, CRWQCB  
Jeff Davis, SGPWA  
Marsha Westropp, OCWD  
Ben Pak, CBWM  
Eric Lindberg, WE Inc.  
Mark Norton, SAWPA  
Rick Whetsel, SAWPA  
Zyanya Blancas, SAWPA

### Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority office located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

### Meeting Summary Approval

Mark Norton presented the May 17, 2011 Meeting Summary for approval. Hearing no comments the Meeting Summary was deemed acceptable as presented.

### Status - SAR Wasteload Allocation Basin Plan Amendment – Regional Board

Hope Smythe indicated that nothing has changed as far as the timeframe for the SAR Wasteload Allocation Basin Plan Amendment. It is still scheduled for October.

### Status - SAR WATER Quality Draft Annual Report - SAWPA

Rick Whetsel reported that the draft for the 2010 Annual Report for the Santa Ana River Water Quality was sent to the task force on June 6, 2011. Editorial comments have been received. Mr. Whetsel said that he learned earlier this year that the Regional Board did not conduct the river base flow monitoring for August and September; however there was discussion between OCWD and the Regional Board that the OCWD data could be used as a surrogate. Based on confirmation from OCWD, the adjustments were made to the report so that the task force could have that component. A draft report was not sent out with this revision to avoid any confusion. He invited additional comments. Jayne Joy and Hope Smythe requested additional time for review and that they would forward comments on Monday June 27, 2011.

Val Housel commented on Table 3-17, "*Annual Discharge of Flow and Average Water Quality to Temescal Creek*" for the City of Corona that Boron has values of 0.5 and a 4 while EMWD is showing a 427. A unit difference is suspected. Mr. Whetsel said they will check their database. Kristen Wardlaw asked if there is anyone who has not turned in their data. Mr. Whetsel reported everyone has turned in their data except the Regional Board and he explained that the data need is now covered with OCWD's data. Ms. Housel also indicated that in the Beaumont data, their conductivity of the TDS is very odd. She's not sure what kind of QC is conducted for the data shown on the report. Mr. Whetsel stated that the QC is done by the agencies and he needs to confirm that there are no data entry errors. Mr.

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Norton advised the task force to point out errors of this sort. Mr. Whetsel asked the task force to provide him the names of the agencies and/or cities with errors so that he can verify the data.

**Status - SAR WATERSHED Ambient Water Quality Draft Report – WE Inc.**

Eric Lindberg provided an update to the SAR Watershed Ambient Quality Draft Report and reminded the task force of the changes to the schedule. The draft report will be delivered electronically by the end of June. The interpretive tools will be missing from the draft report until WE, Inc. can put them together and add them to the draft sometime in July. After that, there will be a comment period. He reported he was unable to provide the preliminary data that was expected today. Internal reviews are continuing for a few more days. He indicated that these issues will not alter the schedule to deliver the draft report, minus the interpretative tools, by the end of June.

Jayne Joy asked if there were any major changes or inconsistencies to the report. Mr. Lindberg said he has no comments, as he would not like to give any misinterpretations. Mark Norton advised the task force that it is important to be careful while reviewing the draft and avoid quick conclusions. One of the purposes of having the interpretive tools is to aid the task force in understanding why changes or variations from the last report are occurring. As the task force learned in the last triennial review, for example, Orange County had major water quality changes for their basin. Later the task force realized that Orange County was taking a lot more of the sea water intrusion barrier well data, which raised the averages. The task force will be able to better understand the results through the interpretive tools.

Mr. Norton inquired as to when the interpretive tools will be completed. Mr. Lindberg responded that at this point WE, Inc. still needs a few weeks to finish the interpretive tools analysis. Therefore, he suggested that the next meeting take place late in the month, to allow time for them to make sure that they have the most relevant data. The report will be sent to Mark Norton without the interpretive tools and then he will send it out to all the task force agencies as a compliance item. Mr. Lindberg stated the interpretive tools will be done by the third week of July. This will give the task force the last week of July to review the interpretive tools and provide comments. Mr. Norton suggested that the finalized report be complete by early August.

**Future Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.