

## Emerging Constituents Workgroup

February 24, 2010

### ATTENDEES:

Darrell Smith, Floating Islands West  
Nira Yamachika, OCWD  
Steve Fitzsimmons, OCWD  
Marsha Westropp, OCWD  
Jason Dadakis, OCWD  
Robert Ennis, OCWD  
Roger Lewis, LACSD  
Linda Garcia, WMWD  
Valerie Housel, City of SBMWD  
Bobby Gustafson, City of SBMWD  
Kristen Wardlaw, YVWD  
Jack Nelson, YVWD  
Kathy Kunysz, MWDSC  
Melissa Dale, MWDSC  
Andy Eaton, MWH Labs  
Jack Safely, WMWD  
Chris Berch, IEUA  
Sam Fuller, SBVMWD

David Aladjem, SBVMWD  
Jeff Crider, SBVMWD  
Bob Muir, MWDSC  
Oliver Pacifico, CDPH  
Heather Collins, CDPH  
Sean McCarthy, CDPH  
Jodie Nygaard, LACSD  
Mathew Buck, WMWD  
Jennifer Torres, City of Corona  
Mark Bulot, SBVMWD  
Jayne Joy, EMWD  
Robert Kent, USGS  
Carmen Burton, USGS  
Joe LeClaire, WE Inc.  
Larry Chrystal, Babcock Labs  
Tim Moore, Risk Sciences  
Mark Norton, SAWPA  
Regina Patterson, SAWPA

### Call to Order / Introductions

The Emerging Constituents (EC) Workgroup meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Introductions were made.

### Approval of Meeting Summary

Mark Norton presented the January 21, 2010 Meeting Summary for approval. The Meeting Summary was deemed acceptable as presented.

### Approval of FY 2010-11 Emerging Constituents Budget and Task Force Agreement

Mark Norton presented the Emerging Constituents Budget and Task Force Agreement expressing appreciation for all comments received. Additional comments on issues were provided by MWDSC's legal counsel and were forwarded to SAWPA's legal counsel who provided response to their comments. Mr. Norton led a brief discussion regarding those comments and whether the Task Force would want to add provisions for immunity from suit. Kathy Kunysz stated it was not something MWD was specifically requiring. David Aladjem reported that during a brief conversation with MWD's legal counsel Peter Von Haam, some ideas that have not been fully explored about "immunity from suit" were stated. There were some good ideas for the group but time did not allow them to be worked through this morning. He asked that legal counsel be allowed time to review those comments and bring back in redline format. He was confident it could be done quickly. Tim Moore recommended including the Regional Board staff in that review.

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Upon motion by Kristen Wardlaw, seconded by Jayne Joy, the motion unanimously carried:

**EC 10/02-01**

**MOVED,**

1. Approve the Emerging Constituents Task Force Budget; and
2. Approve the Agreement to Form a Task Force to Conduct the Annual EC Characterization Program for the SAR Watershed with the expectation that the "immunity from suit" issue will be worked out by legal counsels and then added, all subject to approval by Task Force member agency governing boards.

**Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan**

OCWD Lab Director Steve Fitzsimmons presented "*Proposed Emerging Constituents Investigation Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Santa Ana Watershed*" reporting all four labs are participating in and have agreed to this Sampling and Analysis Plan. The sample schedule is critical and we should be able to meet the deadline. He warned about designated labs as far as specific sampling instructions and being cautious with background levels. All labs should be able to analyze the constituents provided on our list. He noted that if we expand the list, we may be looking at additional QA/QC field blanks at each site.

Andy Eaton initiated an extensive discussion regarding the individual labs, lab methods, sample collection, and field blanks. Mr. Eaton reported there are 24 laboratories participating in this Water Research Foundation 4167 Round Robin Study. Labs used are E. S. Babcock and Montgomery, but Mr. Moore said other labs who meet the requirements for the minimum reporting levels can also be used.

Mr. Norton suggested footnotes be added to describe the acronyms used in the Sampling and Analysis Plan. Mr. Aladjem inquired about the data reporting and analysis piece to this that was to be done. Mr. Moore said that piece, the data quality objectives and exclusions, is included in the document SAWPA is writing and he will assist with the preparation of that.

**Year 2011 Groundwater Sampling Schedule**

Tim Moore said this group promised the Regional Board that while the 2010 sampling was going on it would discuss whether or not to add additional sampling locations in groundwater locations for the 2011 sampling. The USGS did the groundwater sampling in this area. Their reporting levels were substantially higher than what we are expecting to do. The most useful thing we can do in the short term is to go to their database, and at a minimum, for the wells which had detections, repeat samples at our detection limits and then go to additional key wells and sample some of those at our detection limits. Mark Bulot suggested looking at having something that would be repeated at annual intervals using our agencies. During discussion Kathy Kunysz suggested that as we start looking more and more into recycled water for groundwater recharge, the regulators have concerns and have required more treatment on recycled water at greater cost and are not loosening up any of their requirements. Maybe this can be used as a means to begin collecting information that can be used to start conversations with the public health agencies to see if it makes sense to have the same restrictions and requirements for blending, residence time, etc., as we put more treatment in. Mr. Moore said a rationale is needed for selecting locations.

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Mr. Norton said SAWPA will work with USGS in getting GIS overlays and a map prepared to place on SAWPA's FTP site. Mr. Moore said he will firm up questions to guide future discussion, and he will contact Gerry Thibeault to get the Regional Board's expectations for this work.

#### **Future Meeting(s)**

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

The Task Force adjourned for a break at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Emerging Constituents Communications Plan**

Jeff Crider and Bob Muir led discussions regarding the EC Communications Plan. They discussed preliminary talking points and preliminary questions for Q&A. Comments and suggestions were made.

Mr. Norton said the presentations from Shane Snyder and others are posted on SAWPA's web site for reference.

Mr. Crider will send an email to the Public Information Officer of each agency. Mr. Norton offered SAWPA's assistance.

#### **Adjournment**

The Emerging Constituents Workgroup meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

#### Handout(s) (available at [www.sawpa.org](http://www.sawpa.org))

1. EC Task Force Agreement
2. Proposed ECs Investigation Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Santa Ana Watershed