

MIDDLE SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED
PATHOGEN TMDL WORKGROUP
MEETING NOTES

July 8, 2009

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REPRESENTING

AMEC Geomatrix
CDM
City of Claremont
City of Corona
City of Corona
City of Pomona
City of Pomona
City of Riverside
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Inland Empire Waterkeeper
Milk Producers Council (SJRWC)
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Risk Sciences
Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
San Bernardino County Flood Control District
San Bernardino Municipal Water District
San Bernardino Municipal Water District
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
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Call to Order/Introductions

The Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL Workgroup meeting was called to order at 9:33a.m. by Rick Whetsel at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made by each of the attendees.

Approval of Meeting Notes

Mr. Whetsel asked for any comments or corrections to the May 20, 2009 meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved as submitted.

Status Update: Middle Santa Ana River Watershed Pathogen TMDL (RWQCB)

Mr. Rice noted that there is nothing new to report with the Grant Funding at this time. Mr. Whetsel added that initially the State had recommended our Prop 40 grant project be included on the list of projects to be funded through the Federal Stimulus program. We had about \$60,000 remaining on the grant. However, the State has revisited the issue and now our project doesn't look to be as high priority so they rescinded their offer to fund it in the first round of funding and we are back to being frozen. A brief discussion ensued amongst the Stakeholders.

Mr. Rice noted that the Regional Board is revising the MS4 permit language to incorporate TMDL requirements in the permit. He noted that comments on the San Bernardino MS4 Permit are due August 10 and there will be a workshop on August 28. Mr. Moore provided a handout of the San Bernardino County MS4 Permit. He gave a brief description on the language of the handout, and noted that although Cities of Pomona and Claremont are named part of the TMDL they are not part of the permit, which brings up an issue of liability. There was a discussion amongst the stakeholders on having a meeting amongst the Stormwater permittees to discuss the issue of adding the TMDL language to the Permit.

Letter to Regional Board Request to Remove Ice House Canyon as a Compliance Monitoring Location

Mr. Whetsel provided to the Task Force a letter prepared by Mr. Moore requesting the Regional Board to remove the Ice House Canyon as a compliance Monitoring location. He asked if there was any discussion on

the letter and to see if anyone had any comments. There was a motion by Ms. Boldt and seconded by Mr. Yeager to approve the letter with a couple of clerical edits.

Letter to Regional Board – Box Springs Remediation Effort

Mr. Whetsel provided to the Task Force a letter prepared by Mr. Moore to the Regional Board acknowledging the efforts of the City of Riverside and Riverside County Flood Control in implementing Bacterial Mitigation Efforts in the Box Springs sub-watershed. Mr. Rice noted that the letter should be addressed to Mr. Thibeault. Ms. Boldt noted that he might want to document that not only did we find the problem but we implemented the BMP. There was a brief discussion on some of the language in the letter. Mr. Moore stated that he will plan on revising and resubmitting the letter within a week to Mr. Whetsel for submittal to the Regional Board, the Task Force agreed.

Status Update: TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA)

Mr. Whetsel noted that he is going to be amending the invoices for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year to address the large amount of Budget Carry-over to be applied to the budget. He should be getting the invoices out by the end of the month.

Discussion: Task Force Amendment – Adding Cities of Claremont & Pomona

Mr. Moore offered to take the lead on the issue of working with the lawyers from the City of Claremont and the Regional Board to resolve the issue created by the additional language included by the City of Claremont in Amendment #2 to the Task Force Agreement. Mr. Moore suggested that he would meet with the interested parties outside of the Task force Meetings, and hopefully have an update by the next Task force Meeting.

Discussion: TMDL Program Support – Proposal by CDM

Mr. Whetsel noted that SAWPA has put together a single Task Order for CDM for a total amount not to exceed, which includes the ongoing watershed-wide compliance monitoring to be managed by CDM, as well as, a number of additional optional tasks to be implemented based upon authorization by the Task Force. Mr. Whetsel stated that he wants the Stakeholders to review these additional optional tasks and come to agreement on which Tasks if any the Task Force wants CDM to complete in addition to the previously authorized Watershed-wide Compliance Monitoring. Mr. Moore noted that he doesn't think Task 2 will be useful at this time, and he doesn't agree on approving any of the Source Evaluation tasks until the issue of the insertion of the TMDL language in the MS4 Permits is resolved, and it can be shown that this additional work will help to bring us into compliance. After brief discussion amongst the Stakeholders in regards to the Tasks, the stakeholders agreed to hold off on any commitment regarding the additional optional work tasks for CDM until the MS4 permit language regarding the TMDLs has been resolved.

Status Update: Watershed-wide Compliance Monitoring Program

Mr. Meyerhoff gave a brief power point presentation on the TMDL Compliance Monitoring Program. He noted that they started the monitoring on the last week of May, and there has been a 20 week sampling. He gave a brief presentation on the *E. Coli* Prado Park Lake from July 2007 to June 2009, Chino Creek, Mill-Cucamonga Creek, and the Santa Ana River at the MWD Crossing and at Pedley Road. Mr. Meyerhoff noted that it was the first 5 weeks of sampling and it will continue until October 3, and the Winter sampling will start in December.

Project Update: 2005-06 Consolidated Grant Project (Risk Sciences & CDM)

Mr. Whetsel stated that the Prop 40 Grant is still frozen, however he'll be submitting a June 30th quarter report.

Other Business

Mr. Meyerhoff noted that he submitted an abstract to WEF, which he is hoping will get accepted this year. He stated that the WEF TMDL presentation is on August 10.

He noted that Dustin Bambek contacted him wanting to know if he could get some data for a project that he is working on, and he wanted to make sure that it was okay with the Task Force that he provides the data to Mr. Bambek. None of the members opposed.

Mr. Moore noted that a BEST Technology declaration went to the Supreme Court. The case was decided on April 1st that the EPA was now allowed to consider economics, though if the EPA is not required to consider economics when making a decision on the implementation Best Management Practices and Technologies.

Mr. Moore also provided a handout of a draft article prepared by Stan Grant that was given to the City of Riverside for review. He stated that what was presented in this article was not the same as the article that was presented to the Task Force last summer. Mr. Moore noted that comments were submitted to Stan Grant and they have not heard anything back, or even if the article was submitted to Environment Science Technology or not. There was discussion amongst the Task Force of the implications this report would have on regional WWTPs.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 p.m.