

**MEETING NOTES
OF THE
LAKE ELSINORE/CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE**

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Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Mark Norton for Task Force Chair, Jason Uhley at Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, California.

Meeting Notes

The Meeting Notes were approved by the Task Force for the meeting held on December 2, 2015.

Presentation: Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake Modeling (Dr. Michael Anderson/UC Riverside)

Dr. Michael Anderson presented his latest results for his effort to model Lake Elsinore hydrology and impacts to in-lake water quality modeling.

Following this presentation, several topics were discussed including inability of the model to adequately represent zooplankton and fishery impacts, as well as the impacts of recycled water on lake elevation. It was discussed that looking forward, consider the impacts of climate change on modeling future trends in lake hydrology and water quality

This presentation is available on the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL webpage on the SAWPA website, Stakeholder tab; meetings listed by date. A direct link also is provided below to a PDF of the two presentations given:

<http://www.sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/2016-1-13-2-Presentations.pdf>

Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

Action item: Approve FY 2016-17 Budget

Jason Uhley informed stakeholders that the effort to revise the stakeholder cost allocation formulas based upon the updated land use data is not yet complete. This effort is taking longer than expected due to the need to assemble jurisdictional boundaries from the various stakeholders.

Mr. Uhley wanted to be considerate of the need to get budgets out to stakeholders and put forth a recommendation to move forward with the previous draft budget allocation.

Following discussion, the stakeholders put forward and approved a motion that we wait until the effort to revise the stakeholder cost allocation formulas is complete, and then revise the FY 2016-17 budget accordingly.

It was noted that a budget allocation for the LEAMS project also is waiting upon the stakeholder cost allocation formula to be revised.

It is expected that a budget will be available for the next Task Force meeting scheduled for February 23rd.

Discussion: Update and Revise TMDLs (CDM Smith)

Richard Meyerhoff/CDM Smith presented the proposed schedule to update and revise the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs, highlighting the key steps in the process.

Steven Wolosoff /CDM Smith provided a presentation outlining the key elements to implement the plan to update and revise the TMDLs.

Mr. Meyerhoff noted that the LESJWA had sent out a request to stakeholders interested in participating in subcommittees to serve as the primary reviewers of the various draft deliverables.

The first deliverable, the TMDL background chapter will be out February 1st, and he expects that that draft project deliverables will be coming out at a good pace through the spring.

Mr. Meyerhoff noted that comments should be written professionally as they will need to be documented so that we have a full record for the Regional Board, and that if he receives significant or contradictory comments, we may be scheduling teleconferences to discuss.

Discussion: Interim TMDL Report to Regional Board (Tim Moore/Risk Sciences)

Tim Moore/Risk Sciences provided an outline of an interim TMDL progress report to update the status of the Task Force in making progress toward TMDL water quality targets. This report is due to the Regional Board in June 2016.

Mr. Moore noted that the findings presented in this report are intended to be folded over into the TMDL, CNRP, and the Ag CWAD.

The goal is to have a draft report out to stakeholders for review in March.

Lake Updates

Jason Uhley provided an update on the recent storm events, noting that 2 ½” of rainfall have hit the watershed. It is estimated that Lake Elsinore has risen nearly one foot in elevation. As these were the first storms of the year, it is assumed that a good portion of the rainfall infiltrated.

Lake Elsinore

Nicole Dailey said the City is looking into various alternatives for fish stocking and preparing to deal with the anticipated storm events.

Canyon Lake

Nancy Horton said the recent storms have brought in a lot of sediment and debris into Canyon Lake and that the lake is very close to spilling over.

Ms. Horton also noted an issue with white foam in Salt Creek. She shared photos showing where the foam is approximately two feet high.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE&CL TMDL meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA

Adjourn

As there was no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.