

MSAR TMDL TASK FORCE
MEETING NOTES

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City of Montclair
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Inland Empire Waterkeeper
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Milk Producers Council
County of Orange
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Orange County Water District
Regional Water Quality Control Board
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RCFC&WCD
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Risk Sciences
San Bernardino County Flood Control 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 (MSAR) TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Mr. Rick Whetsel at Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA). Brief introductions were made.

Approval of the Meeting Notes

Mr. Rick Whetsel asked for any comments or corrections to the January 13, 2015 meeting notes.

Corrections were noted to the participants list and the meeting notes were approved.

Bacteria Basin Plan Amendment (Risk Sciences)

Mr. Moore provided an update to stakeholders on the Basin Plan Amendment noting that with the assistance of Dave Woelfel and Regional Board staff in answering questions, EPA verbally approved much of the amendment as proposed by the group.

Off note, EPA is not intending to approve the deletion of Rec 2 standards for Santa Ana Delhi Channel, Cucamonga Creek nor Temescal Creek, as they thought that doing so would not adequately protect downstream uses. Although we and Regional Board staff disagree with EPA, on a practical matter it is not of significant consequence to stakeholders.

Additionally, EPA approved most of the recommended E-coli objectives for Rec-1 this includes the geo mean of 126 cfu/100ml and single sample maximums values designated for Tiers A (235),B (298),C (409), but would not approve the Tier D single sample maximum with a value of 575 because it exceeded the 2012

maximum statistical threshold value of 410, nor did they approve of the formula used to calculate the tiers, which was based upon the old 1986 EPA criteria. Mr. Moore did not feel that this was too much of an issue, because the State is working to prepare statewide objectives in a year or two, which will supersede the EPA criteria.

A question was raised if we would need to completely restart the use attainability analyses for the 3 non approved streams. Mr. Moore believed that we would not need to apply the same amount of effort as a re-start, but that we could make modifications and re-submit.

A second question was raised regarding if there will be any implications or modifications to the CBRP's. Mr. Moore responded that there are no modifications required.

Mr. Moore is expecting that we should receive a formal letter from EPA in the near future and this will start the 90 day clock on the Regional Monitoring Plan.

Mr. Moore described a handout summarizing the SWRCB approach for Statewide Bacteria Objectives. He noted the State is looking at a new definition that equates to 7 illnesses per 1,000 swimmers based upon the 1986 definition or a value of 100 cfu/100ml. Our criteria, which is derived based upon the 1986 definition equates to 8 illnesses per 1,000 swimmers or a value of 125 cfu/100ml.

As before, Mr. Moore noted that the Statewide standards will most likely not be in place for a year or two and would supersede some of the objectives that we just adopted.

Discussion: Regional Monitoring Program Monitoring Plan and QAPP Development (CDM Smith)

Mr. Meyerhoff provided an update on the draft Regional Monitoring Plan and QAPP, which were distributed to stakeholders on February 4th for review and comment. He then reiterated that the plan will be completed in two phases, the first is to focus on technical issues of where, how, and when sampling will be conducted. Step two will focus on governance and roles and responsibilities, and will take place at a later date.

Mr. Meyerhoff then noted that an important piece of the QAPP is the organization chart laying out the responsibilities of how the program will be implemented and he presented stakeholders with example organizational charts to initiate this discussion.

Mr. Meyerhoff then discussed with stakeholders that the title of this plan has been expanded to the Santa Ana River Watershed Bacteria Monitoring Plan as is intended to cover both the Regional Monitoring Plan requirements per the Basin Plan amendment, and any TMDL related requirements or other requirements that come later on down the road.

Mr. Meyerhoff requested comments on the draft Regional Monitoring Plan and QAPP to be submitted by COB on March 2, 2015.

Watershed-wide Compliance Monitoring Program (CDM Smith)

Mr. Meyerhoff provided a handout and to the stakeholders on the Wet Season Monitoring, noting the missing data due to the issue with the laboratory.

Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan

RCFC&WCD

RCFC&WCD reported that they are preparing to launch dry season Tier 2 source monitoring, as well as an uncontrollable sources study.

SBCFCD

SBCFCD reported that work is continuing.

Orange County

Orange County is currently working to renew its permits.

Pomona & Claremont

The Cities reported that work is continuing.

Agricultural Operators (Pat Boldt)

Ms. Boldt reported that work is continuing.

TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA)

Draft RFP Compliance Monitoring and Program Management

Mr. Whetsel informed stakeholders that in light of the proposal to incorporate portions of the TMDL Compliance monitoring into the Regional Monitoring program, SAWPA staff will work with the project consultants to rework the scope of work for the TMDL compliance monitoring to be conducted by stakeholders for the upcoming year.

Draft FY 2015-16 Task Force Budget/Contributions

Mr. Whetsel noted that at the last meeting it was discussed to hold off on finalizing a budget until a decision was made as to how the regional Monitoring program was to be funded.

At this time still no decision has been made, however due to the timing of getting a new agreement in place, that funding will likely be provided through the MSAR TMDL Task Force.

Additionally, it was discussed under the Regional Monitoring Program, that the dry season monitoring would be moved from the TMDL compliance monitoring program to the Regional Monitoring Program, greatly reducing the budget required for the program through the Task Force.

Mr. Whetsel will look into these issues and report back to stakeholders as soon as possible.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next MSAR TMDL meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.