

STORMWATER QUALITY STANDARDS TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY

August 16, 2011

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1. Introductions / Opening Comments

The Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Larry McKenney at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

2. Task Force Updates

- **State Board REC Use Proposal Update:** Dave Woelfel said there is little to report. The CEQA is coming out in the fall, and more will be learned tomorrow in the Basin Planning Roundtable meeting.
- **New Task Force Agreement:** Larry McKenney said the new Task Force Agreement has not been re-circulated yet, as we are waiting for additional comments from two of the three cost-share partner counties. However, this is not preventing progress at this point.
- **Regional Board Workshop:** Larry McKenney said the workshop went well. Joanne Schneider agreed, but she is not sure about future continuity. It looks like we will not make the October meeting, so there will be a need to rehash “old ground” at the December meeting.
- **Regional Board Appointments and Meetings Outlook:** Joanne Schneider provided an update on Regional Board appointments reporting that some will return and some won't. Two new members await confirmation and are expected to be confirmed August 24 and September 2. Other Regional Boards are experiencing potential quorum problems as well. The last day for confirmation is September 30.

To make the October 28 Regional Board meeting, the package must be circulated by September 23, assuming we wanted to allow three weeks for receipt of comments and an opportunity to respond, in addition to the 45-day review period. This schedule cannot be met. We will aim for the December 9 Regional Board meeting with the package being sent out by October 4. The preliminary draft package for Task Force review and comment will be prepared by the end of August, and the next Task Force meeting will be mid-September to review any Task Force comments.

3. Review and Comment on Documents (used CDM e-Room Website)

- **Draft Basin Plan Amendment:** Ray Hiemstra has reviewed the document and sent comments to Dan Bounds. As Joanne Schneider has not yet seen those comments, they were presented by Ray Hiemstra and discussed. The largest issue is the Banning Channel UAA -- the lack of *E. coli* data. Amanda Carr said that the County of Orange is not testing for *E. coli*, only total fecal coliform. Following discussion, Chris Crompton and Amanda Carr said they will provide the sampling. It was determined to take one geometric mean and spread out weekly to meet the October deadline. Joanne Schneider recommended looking at fecal coliform and *E. coli* to establish where we are. Ms. Carr said that they will run both. Discussion continued and revisions were made.
- **UAA Reports:** Larry McKenney invited final comments on the UAA reports. Ray Hiemstra provided written comments to Dave Woelfel.
- **CEQA Document:** Joanne Schneider referenced Section 2.2.1.2 and discussed how to address REC-2 targets in follow-up measures. Everyone was encouraged to read the CEQA document thoroughly and that for future reference, new language be highlighted throughout.

Table 5-HFS is being revised. It was noted that having all high flow suspension (HFS) information in one location in the document would be helpful rather than looking in three different places to determine the standards. Dave Woelfel said he will add columns to the table to include the HFS information.

- **Executive Summary:** Joanne Schneider said Item 8 refers to incorporating an implementation plan that includes a surveillance plan to assess compliance. The proposed approach is to include a requirement to propose a surveillance plan rather than including a specific surveillance plan, and then implement the plan upon approval. It was suggested that it be required within a year of Regional Board approval. A suggestion was made to develop a plan proposal outlining what would be done, and then once EPA has approved it, then the QAPP is done. Joanne Schneider agreed, saying that she would like someone to prepare the recommended language.

CDM will send the three counties the maps for updating.

4. Additional Tasks

- **Proposed MUN Actions:** The UAA waters exceptions need to be shown properly in Table 3-1.
- **Antidegradation Targets and Implementation Language:** Tim Moore provided correspondence detailing the Lands Method used to compute the upper confidence limits of the mean of the log-normal distribution. He also presented a table showing *E. coli* for Mill-Cucamonga, Temescal and Delhi.
- **Update Field Verification of Non-Use:** Larry McKenney said that in past discussions about UAA waters, the Task Force concurred to repeat the physical visits that previously were done for camera locations. It will be continued for two additional weeks. Any data is to be submitted to Dave Woelfel.
- **Update Status of Plans for Recreational Use for UAA Reaches:** The Task Force had concurred about returning to the counties to make sure the sites that had unattainable use did not have a restoration project planned in the foreseeable future. Joanne Schneider suggested reviewing CDM's UAA report for statements that were made regarding future plans. To keep it simple, provide a statement that confirms, denies, or modifies as appropriate those statements. Larry McKenney suggested checking to be sure the statements are current in the UAA report.

5. Next Meeting Date: The next Task Force meeting is September 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Handout Materials

- *Email re Land Method Use and a table showing E. coli for Mill-Cucamonga, Temescal and Delhi*
- *Summary of Photographic Survey Results*