

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

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Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Chair, Jason Uhley at Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Lake Elsinore, California.

Meeting Notes from the Task Force Meeting held March 20, 2013

The Task Force meeting notes of March 20, 2013, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Update: Riverside County CNRP and San Jacinto AgNMP

Mr. Uhley informed the Task Force that the CNRP is on schedule to go before the Regional Board in July.

It was also noted that the AgNMP is near completion, and is expected to be submitted to the Regional Board within the next week.

Canyon Lake Hybrid Treatment Project

Update: CEQA Meeting

Mr. Norton provided a brief summary of the April 10th CEQA Preparation Meeting.

Mr. Norton informed the Task Force that the CEQA document is currently out for public review and that public comments are due at the end of the month (April 28th).

The CEQA document is scheduled to go before the Canyon Lake City Council on June 5th for approval.

Update: Alum Application RFP

Mr. Norton informed the Task Force that LESJWA staff is working with CDM Smith on project proponents assembled, and issued an RFP on May 2nd requesting proposals from firms experienced in alum application

for lakes to conduct a series of alum applications to Canyon Lake to address the requirements of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs.

The RFP statement including all attachments and reference materials are available on the LESJWA website: <http://www.mywatersheds.com/>

One electronic copy of the response is to be submitted to LESJWA located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California 92503 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. The responses shall be addressed to the attention of Rick Whetsel, Senior Watershed Planner. Thereafter, a review panel, composed of members of the LESJWA Technical Advisory Committee and LESJWA staff, will conduct question and answer interviews.

Update: Alum Application Inspection Protocol

Mr. Wolosoff informed the Task Force that CDM Smith will coordinate with EVMWD staff to prepare a Alum Application Inspection Protocol document.

Schedule: Project Performance Monitoring Planning Meeting

Mr. Wolosoff informed the Task Force that CDM Smith has prepared a conceptual Performance Monitoring Plan for the Canyon Lake Alum Treatment Project and will coordinate with appropriate stakeholders to develop an RFP to be ready to go out for proposal by the beginning of July.

Discussion: Pollutant Trading Plan

Discussion of the Pollutant Trading Plan was tabled for a future meeting.

Update: Watershed-wide Storm Monitoring (Weston Solutions)

Mr. Engelhorn provided a brief update of the FY 2012-13 watershed-wide storm monitoring activities. He informed the Task Force that two storm events met the criteria for monitoring and were sampled at two locations (San Jacinto River and Salt Creek above Canyon Lake).

He also informed the Task Force that he is currently working on the annual monitoring report and it is expected to be completed by mid June.

It was noted as no in-lake monitoring is required during FY 2012-2014 that the annual report will only include the watershed-wide monitoring results.

Task Force Administration

Update: Task Force Agreement (Signature Status)

Mr. Whetsel reminded the task force members to work on taking the new LE&CL TMDL Task Force Agreement to their Boards for approval and noted that LESJWA will send out a reminder to those who have not yet submitted their signature pages.

Action Item: Watershed-wide Storm Monitoring Program RFP

Mr. Whetsel informed the Task force that the contract with Weston Solutions will expire at the end of the fiscal year and requested direction from the Task Force on extending the agreement or issuing a RFP for the watershed-wide monitoring. Following a brief discussion, a motion was put forth to approve extending the agreement with Weston Solutions for FY 2013-14. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Task Force.

Mr. Whetsel will move forward to prepare the necessary consultant task orders to take forward to the LESJWA Board.

Action Item: Task Force Budget Approval

Mr. Whetsel brought forth to the Task Force a revised Draft FY 2013-14 Task Force budget for approval. This budget included an updated approach for basing each stakeholder's allocation based upon a nutrient load based formula. There followed discussion as a number of stakeholders had assumed that the FY 2013-14 Task Force budget allocations presented at the March 20th meeting were approved and they had taken

those budget cost shares to their respective boards for approval. Additionally, there arose discussion regarding the allocation to the de minimis stakeholder parties, whose budget cost shares had increased significantly under the new nutrient load based formula.

After an extended discussion, a motion was put forth to propose a compromise, whereas, the FY 2013-14 cost share for each stakeholder would be based upon the lower cost share from the respective Draft budget distributed to stakeholders for the March 20th and May 14th meetings. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Task Force.

Mr. Whetsel will update the budget to reflect these revised lower cost shares and distribute them to the Task Force, and invoices for stakeholder contributions will be sent out in July.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Uhley agreed to outreach to each of the de minimis stakeholder parties to discuss their participation in the Task Force.

Additionally, Mr. Wolosoff agreed to provide a workshop to stakeholders to review and explain the new nutrient load based cost share approach.

Presentation: LESJWA Support to Task Force

Mr. Norton noted to the Task Force that he will be presenting a formal presentation on long term funding of the LESJWA JPA at a future meeting.

Other Business

Santa Ana Region Conditional Waiver of Waste discharge requirements for Agricultural Discharges (CWAD) Program

Mr. Adelson presented to the Task Force and overview of the proposed CWAD program for agriculture. He noted that a draft staff report should be available to the public in September – October with plans to adopt the waiver by the end of 2013.

A few notes from his presentation:

- It is not a condition of the waiver that agricultural operators participate in the TMDL. However, participation in WRCAC will provide the agricultural operator a reduced rate.
- Agricultural parcels less than 20 acres will be excluded from the waiver (except for CAFO & nurseries)
- Non-Irrigated Agriculture will be excluded from the waiver

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjourn

As there was no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.