

MSAR TMDL TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

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Chino Basin Watermaster
City of Chino Hills
City of Eastvale
City of Pomona
City of Rialto
City of Riverside
County of Orange
County of Riverside
County of San Bernardino
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
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Risk Sciences
San Bernardino County Flood Control District
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SAWPA
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Via Conf Call:

Kimberly Colbert
Pat Boldt

City of Claremont
Agricultural Pool

1. 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 Rick Whetsel at Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA). Brief introductions were made by the attendees.

2. Approval of the Meeting Notes

Rick Whetsel asked for any comments on the January 4, 2017 meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting notes were deemed acceptable.

3. Update: Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) (CDM Smith)

Draft Outline of Annual Report & Recommended Changes to Monitoring Plan & QAPP

Richard Meyerhoff stated that this first quarter of the year is a non-sample period and sampling for the new year will begin with dry weather sampling in May. The only other monitoring to typically take place this time of year is for a wet weather storm event required by the MSAR TMDL; this was completed in December and reported in January.

Next, CDM Smith will begin work to prepare the first annual Santa Ana River Bacteria Monitoring report, with a draft due April 30th and a final report due June 30th.

CDM Smith also is beginning to assemble comments and information for revisions and updates to the Santa Ana River Bacteria Monitoring Plan and QAPP.

Tiffany Lin /CDM Smith provided an overview of the proposed outline to the Annual Monitoring report. She then followed up by reviewing the planned updates to the monitoring plan and QAPP. Ms. Lin noted that all Santa Ana River Bacteria monitoring data has been loaded into CEDEN.

Mr. Meyerhoff raised the question to Regional Board staff if the Board will again be collecting the water quality samples for two of the priority 3 sites in Orange County (Los Trancos and Morning Canyon) for which there was no responsible owner identified. CDM Smith will follow up with David Woelfel.

Tim Moore asked whether the Task Force should consider adding additional monitoring locations due to the new listings included on the 303-D list.

CDM Smith will investigate what new monitoring sites should be considered to be added to the monitoring plan.

4. Discussion: Arlington Area Tier-2 Source Evaluation Study (Risk Sciences)

Tim Moore has put the work on hold to develop a proposed scope of work, budget and schedule for this project until after the effort to review and provide comment on the new 303-D list is complete.

5. Discussion: Proposed 303D Listings for Indicator Bacteria in San Timoteo Creek and Warm Creek (Risk Sciences)

Tim Moore stated that several new sites have been included on the new 303-D list and likely will be listed for bacteria TMDL development. He then reviewed a number of issues with the data supporting these listings, including possible data entry errors and errors in the interpretation of the data.

Again, Mr. Moore stressed the need for the Task Force to consider adding these sites to the current monitoring effort, and he recommended that the Task Force submit a comment letter to the Regional Board (in addition to the letters to be submitted by the Counties) to address a number of issues with the 303-D listings relating to bacteria.

Mr. Moore then discussed the need of stakeholders to make their data available to the State for the next round of 303-D listings, and solicited the Task Force for assistance in helping to fund the upload of data collected outside the Task Force into CEDEN.

Tim Moore then described the two data sets. The first includes metals data collected by the City of Riverside, and the second is fish tissue data for mercury and selenium collected by SARDA, which he believes important to the various stakeholder-driven Task Force efforts to be uploaded to CEDEN.

Following discussion, a motion was put forward by Marc Rodabaugh and seconded by Lynn Merrill for CDM Smith to prepare a scope of work, schedule, and budget, and for SAWPA staff to identify an available funding source to pay for this work

Mark Smythe reminded stakeholders of the May 3rd deadline to get data into and approved by CEDEN. Tim Moore clarified that he believes that the data only need to be submitted to the State by the May 3rd deadline, and he believes that it did not necessarily have to be approved by CEDEN.

6. Update: Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan Implementation Activities

RCFC&WCD

Kyle Gallup reported that the District continues the hydrology work on Eastvale Lines D & E. The District has internal staff looking at hydrology and flow rates to urban outfalls. The County has hired CDM Smith to conduct an alternatives analysis on Eastvale Lines D & E. The county also met with Jurupa Valley to discuss the feasibility for diversions to sewer.

SBCFCD

Marc Rodabaugh reported that the District continues efforts on their Stormwater Resource Management Plan. They are working to compile data from Cucamonga Creek and OCWD OC 59 turn out on San Antonio Creek.

Orange County

Suzan Given reported that the County anticipates taking the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force agreement to their Board in April.

She stated that following the recent storms, hundreds of hypodermic needles washed up on the beach at the mouth of the Santa Ana River. She also noted the issue of homeless people along the Santa Ana River bank of the 57 freeway. Discussion ensued regarding the uncontrollability of source bacteria from homeless encampments in the river channels throughout the watershed.

Pomona & Claremont

Kimberly Colbert reported that the City is moving forward with implementation of the Los Angeles MS4 permit, which also covers bacteria. This watershed management program plan from the City, which was approved by Region 4, also applies to Region 8.

Agricultural Operators

Nothing reported.

TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA)

Draft FY 2017-18 Task Force Budget

Rick Whetsel displayed the Draft FY 2017-18 MSAR TMDL Task Force budget. Following a brief discussion, a motion was brought forward by Marc Rodabaugh and seconded by Lynn Merrill to approve the Budget. The motion was approved unanimously by stakeholders.

Mr. Whetsel next displayed the Draft FY 2017-18 Budget for the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force, which only applies to the three Counties (Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino). Following a brief discussion, the Budget was approved by each of the three Counties.

Draft Amendment to the 2012 Task Force Agreement

Mr. Whetsel reminded stakeholders that a draft amendment is required to extend the term of the Agreement. It would serve to maintain the status quo for the Task Force until a time when the TMDL technical document is revisited.

Discussion ensued regarding the term proposed in the Draft Amendment. The Stakeholders requested that the Amendment simply state that it's a five-year extension to the Agreement and nothing else.

Other Business

Mark Norton reminded stakeholders of the upcoming OWOW Workshop on Thursday February 23rd from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at SAWPA, and urged them to attend.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen TMDL Task Force is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.