

**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 1:05 p.m. by Mark Norton at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, California.

Meeting Notes

Nancy Horton noted that under participants, she should be listed as representing EVMWD. Under the Lake Updates for Canyon Lake, it is the MS4 System, not WRCOG, that provides a good opportunity to get city managers engaged in the efforts of the TMDL update and revision process.

With these corrections, the Task Force deemed the October 19, 2017 Meeting Notes acceptable.

Discussion: Update and Revise TMDLs (CDM Smith Team & Risk Sciences)

Steven Wolosoff/CDM Smith provided a presentation on the effort to update and revise the TMDLs. This presentation focused on the following: Demonstration of Compliance; Economic Analysis & CEQA and Source Assessment & Allocation Updates.

The new SAWPA website will be updated with the presentations soon.

Presentation: LEAPS Project (Dr. Michael Anderson, UCR)

Proponents of Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) were invited to provide the Task Force an overview of the project.

First, Rexford Wait presented an overview of the project. This was followed by a technical presentation by Dr. Michael Anderson to discuss the results from modeling studies conducted in 2006-07 for the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and Nevada Hydro.

Due to the number of questions regarding LEAPS it was requested that a future workshop be scheduled between key members of the Task Force and the LEAPS team to further discuss how this project could support the TMDL effort for Lake Elsinore.

In relation to the discussion of LEAPS, Mark Norton wanted to move forward to item 9A of the agenda to an action item to Approve Potential New Task Force Members, this Being Nevada Hydro as the proponent of LEAPS and CR&R for their proposed composting site.

It was suggested by the Regional Board that these projects be a party of the LE&CL TMDL Task Force, as these are large projects and they have the potential to have a significant impact on TMDL compliance.

They are here today, to request to be a party of the Task Force, and as part of that are being asked to be a contributing party to the TMDL Update, with a buy-in cost of an equal share of the cost estimated at \$42,421. They also will be asked to be a regular contributor to the administrative costs of TMDL Task Force starting with the upcoming FY 2018-19 Budget. In addition, the CR&R project may be allocated a share to LEAMS and/or the Canyon lake alum project.

Mr. Norton emphasized that by including these projects as part of the Task Force in no way implies approval of the projects. This is an opportunity to bring them to the table to work with stakeholders to exchange ideas.

Following discussion, a motion was put forward by Pat Boldt and seconded by Lynn Merrill to accept these two parties as new members of the LE&CL TMDL Task Force, with their monetary contributions. This does not include voting rights until all parties sign an amendment to the Task Force agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consultant Contract TMDL Compliance Monitoring Program (LESJWA Staff)

Mark Norton informed the Task Force that the contract with Amec foster Wheeler is set to end at the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2018). LESJWA staff would like the Task Force's recommendation to renew this contract, as we believe bringing on another firm at this time would be challenging and would slow down the process and potentially could be more expensive. By all accounts, Amec has done a great job in implementing the TMDL Compliance program and through all of their pro-active support for this effort.

It was the recommendation by Mark Norton that LESJWA Staff extend the Amec contract two additional years.

HAB Monitoring

Mark Norton asked the question to stakeholders if there is an interest by stakeholders in continuing the HAB monitoring by the Task Force. The cost to extend the current HAB monitoring for one year will add a cost of \$25,000 to the Task Force budget.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was recommended to include \$25,000 in the budget to cover this item.

Lynn Merrill suggested that we assemble all of the information available to conduct an analysis of what the value is for each Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake for conducting HAB monitoring.

Tim Moore brought up the idea that it may possibly be in everyone's best interest if the regional board seriously considered crafting a 13267 letter, so that the HAB monitoring will become mandatory and we would be shielded from liability from collecting the data or the responsibility of how the data is used.

EVMWD Compliance Monitoring

This item is a request by LESJWA staff for the Task Force to consider combining the every three years compliance monitoring required by EVMWD (to support the quantification of benefits of LEAMS) with the TMDL compliance monitoring program.

LESJWA staff will follow up with EVMWD staff when this item becomes timely.

Discussion: Spring 2018 Canyon Lake Alum Application (LESJWA Staff)

Project Coordination Conference Call

A Canyon Lake Alum project Coordination conference call has been scheduled for 1:00 pm Friday January 19th.

Alum Application Target Week of January 29th or February 5th

The Alum application has been scheduled for the week of February 12 – 16th.

Discussion: Lake Elsinore Fishery Management Activities (LESJWA Staff)

Mark Norton noted that we are considering including this item in the Draft FY 2018-19 Budget. This will include a look at consultants and costs for a physical fish survey and fish removal. This will also include fish tissue sampling for pcb's and mercury.

Lake Updates

Lake Elsinore

Due to considerations of time, this item was tabled.

Canyon Lake

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Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

FY 2018-19 Draft Budget

Mark Norton shared an early version of the Draft FY 2018-19 Budget and noted that we will have a budget prepared for our next Task Force meeting.

Tim Moore recommended that CDM Smith send out the Revised Allocations to stakeholders to give them a sense of their budget allocation.

Status update: FY 2017-18 Outstanding Invoices and Amendment #1 to Task Force Agreement

Mark Norton reminded the Task Force that there are still a number of agencies that have not signed the amendment to the Task Force agreement.

Other Business

Mark Norton informed the Task Force that on Wednesday, April 18th, LESJWA will be holding a Water Summit. Invitations will be sent out to all of your governing board members. Registration for this event is \$30 per person.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE&CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th at 9:00 a.m. at SAWPA.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.