

# MSAR TMDL / Regional WQ Monitoring Task Force Meeting Notes

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## PARTICIPANTS

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## REPRESENTING

CDM Smith  
City of Chino Hills  
City of Corona  
City of Eastvale  
City of Eastvale  
City of Rialto  
City of Riverside  
City of Riverside  
City of Riverside RWQCP  
City of Riverside RWQCP  
GEI Consultants  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Risk Sciences  
Riverside RWQCP  
Riverside County Flood Control  
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San Bernardino County  
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## Via-Conference Call

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Julie Carver  
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Pat Boldt  
Roshan Christoph  
Scott Bruckner  
Randy Marks

Orange County Coastkeeper  
Inland Empire Waterkeeper  
City of Pomona  
The Colbert Group for the City of Claremont  
Agricultural Pool  
Wood (formerly Amec Foster Wheeler)  
Riverside County Executive Office  
Sacramento State Office of Water Programs

### **1. Call to Order & Introductions**

The MSAR TMDL/Regional WQ Monitoring Task Force Meeting was called to order at 1:03 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 August 15, 2018 MSAR TMDL meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting notes were deemed acceptable.

## **Regional Water Quality Monitoring Meeting Items:**

### **3. Update: Santa Ana River Watershed Bacteria Monitoring Program (CDM Smith)**

Tiffany Lin /CDM Smith provided a presentation to the stakeholders on the current FY 2018-19 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring program. This included discussion of the results of the recently completed warm dry season monitoring and noted that the cool dry season monitoring just started this week.

Ms. Lin then reviewed the proposed modifications to the current 2018-19 monitoring program. These included:

- 1) Delisted Lake Fulmor & SAR Reach 2 from Priority 3 sites
- 2) City of Newport Beach will monitor Los Trancos Creek & Morning Canyon Creek instead of the Regional Board
- 3) Buck Gully Creek Priority three (3) monitoring frequency to increase from five (5) weekly samples to weekly to obtain >26 geomeans with goal to delist

Regional Board staff is currently finalizing a draft amendment to the Region-wide Bacteria Monitoring Plan and QAPP detailing these, as well as, additional modifications proposed to the monitoring program, due in 2019. Once finalized by Regional Board, SAWPA staff will distribute the draft amendment to stakeholders.

#### **4. Action Item: SAR Regional Monitoring Program RFP (SAWPA Staff)**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA presented to the stakeholders a draft RFP requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide services related to implementing and overseeing the Santa Ana River (SAR) Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program.

Arlene Chun / SBCFCD informed the Task Force that the San Bernardino MS4 Program group is recommending to extend the agreement with CDM Smith an additional year due to their institutional knowledge.

Following discussion, a motion was put forward and seconded to extend the agreement with CDM Smith one additional year, with the stipulation that a key man provision be included. It was specifically requested that key staff including Tiffany Lin and Steven Wolosoff from CDM Smith continue to lead the project. The motion was passed, with Orange County abstaining.

With approval of a one year extension of the Task Order agreement, CDM Smith was requested to prepare the following:

- 1) Budget estimate for the implementation of the 2019 SAR Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program.
- 2) A cost estimate to update the SAR Regional Bacteria Monitoring Plan and QAPP. This will be brought back to the Task Force for approval as a change order to the current FY 2018-19 budget.

#### **5. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA)**

##### Update: FY 2018-19 Invoices

Rick Whetsel / SAWPA updated the Task Force on the outstanding invoices. This includes only the SBCFCD/MS4 Program.

##### Discussion: FY 2019-20 Draft Budget

Rick Whetsel / SAWPA presented a draft budget to the Task Force. This included a place holder estimate for the SAR Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program, as it was expected this item was to go out for RFP.

Arlene Chun / SBCFCD requested that the preparation of a formal draft budget be accelerated in preparation of the November 14<sup>th</sup> San Bernardino MS4 Program group meeting.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that SAWPA staff would prepare an updated draft budget incorporating a cost estimate from CDM Smith for the implementation of the 2019 SAR Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program.

Approval of the budget will be addressed by email, foregoing any significant concerns by the Task Force by the end of November, with the caveat that no response signifies approval.

## MSAR TMDL Meeting Items:

### **6. Discussion: Preparation of the 2018 TMDL Triennial Progress Report (Risk Sciences)**

Tim Moore / Risk Sciences presented the issue of the 2018 Triennial progress report due to Regional Board in February 2019, along with a number of key points for why he wanted to prepare a letter to the Regional Board to request this deliverable be deferred for one year. Key points for deferring the report are as follows:

- 1) The substantial effort by stakeholders to respond to the CBRP Audit, with an estimated cost to stakeholders of \$100,000 in 2018.
- 2) The timing of the 2016 Triennial Progress Report, which was not finalized until November of 2017.

Mr. Moore recommended the Task Force prepare a letter to the Regional Board requested that in lieu of preparing a Triennial Progress Report for 2019, the MSAR TMDL Task Force instead develop a synoptic water quality monitoring plan of the watershed in FY 2018-19. This study will scope out the approach and identify the next steps in the process to implement the TMDLs to begin next year in FY 2019-20. Ken Theisen / Santa Ana Regional Board agreed with this recommendation.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Tim Moore will prepare the letter to Regional Board to defer the 2019 Triennial Report and a motion was put forward by Lynn Merrill representing the City of Rialto to authorize Mr. Moore to use the \$25,000 included in the FY 2018-19 Budget for Tasks 4 & 5 - Source Evaluation / Management to prepare a proposal, not to exceed \$25,000 to develop a Work Plan for the next steps in the process to implement the TMDLs. The motion was seconded by Arlene Chun / San Bernardino County Flood Control District. The motion was unanimously approved by the Task Force.

Mr. Moore clarified that he will prepare the letter, but it will need to be submitted by each of the four (4) permitted agencies including the Cities of Pomona and Claremont and Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

### **7. Update: SAWPA Assessment of Impacts of Homelessness on Water Quality in the Santa Ana River (SAWPA Staff)**

Rick Whetsel / SAWPA updated the Task Force on the RFP that SAWPA will be issuing with regard to assessing the impacts of homelessness in the Santa Ana River. The RFP includes two (2) key tasks:

- 1) A review literature and assessment of existing information and,
- 2) the preparation of a preliminary monitoring program.

Mr. Whetsel noted that any proposed monitoring to be undertaken through the project will be coordinated with the Regional Water Quality Monitoring and Middle Santa Ana River Task Force. Once the RFP is posted on the SAWPA website, he will share a link with the stakeholders.

### **8. Update: Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan Implementation Activities**

#### RCFC&WCD

Richard Boon informed stakeholders of the County's effort to prepare a response letter to the Regional Board on the CBRP audit.

Additionally, the County is working with the consultant Michael Baker on a Phoenix Storm Drain stormwater diversion project and is continuing its effort with JCSD on the Eastvale Lines D and E diversions to sewer.

#### SBCFCD

Arlene Chun informed stakeholders of the County's efforts on the Cucamonga Creek Study, which is currently completing its 3<sup>rd</sup> week of a 10 week study.

Additionally, Ms. Chun made two announcements:

- 1) January 17, 2019 - Solving Homelessness in the Santa Ana River Regional Workshop at CSUSB is being put together by the Inland Empire Waterkeeper.

- 2) November 9, 2018 - San Diego City and County Collaboration meeting to discuss the recent hepatitis outbreak.

#### Orange County

No additional update for this meeting.

#### Pomona & Claremont

No additional update for this meeting.

#### Agricultural Operators

No additional update for this meeting.

### **9. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA)**

#### FY 2018-19 Invoices

Rick Whetsel / SAWPA updated the Task Force on the outstanding invoices. These include the SBC MS4 Program, County of Riverside and the City of Jurupa Valley.

#### Status Update: Amendment No. 1 to MSAR Task Force Agreement

Rick Whetsel / SAWPA updated the Task Force on the outstanding signature pages to Amendment No. 1 to Task Force Agreement. These include Chino Basin Watermaster (Ag Operators) and the City of Claremont.

#### Discussion: FY 2019-20 Draft Budget

Rick Whetsel / SAWPA presented a draft budget to the Task Force. This included a place holder estimate for the SAR Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program, as it was expected that this item was to go out for RFP.

In coordination with the Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force, it was requested that the preparation of a formal draft budget be accelerated in preparation of the November 14<sup>th</sup> San Bernardino MS4 Program group meeting.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that SAWPA staff would prepare an updated draft budget incorporating the following budget line items:

- 1) Updated budget for CDM Smith for the implementation of the 2019 SAR Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program.
- 2) 2019 Triennial Progress Report estimated at \$50,000
- 3) Revise MSAR TMDLs estimated at \$100,000 for FY 2019-20
- 4) TMDL Workplan Implementation estimated at \$50,000 for FY 2019-20

Approval of the budget will be addressed by email, foregoing any significant concerns by the Task Force by the end of November, with the caveat that no response signifies approval.

### **10. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

### **11. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting is a joint MSAR TMDL/Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force, and is scheduled for January 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at SAWPA.

### **12. Adjourn**

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.