

STORMWATER QUALITY STANDARDS TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY

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1. Introductions / Opening Comments

The Stormwater Quality Standards Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Larry McKenney at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

2. Task Force Updates

- **US EPA BACT Criteria** – Larry McKenney said that the US EPA has announced their intention to draft new criteria, and they've discussed developing new bacteria standards. They're aiming for a draft by March 2012 and adoption later that year. There are some specifics about the technical criteria they want to address, which may be of interest to this task force. Our deadline to have everything ready to go is December, and then it will go to the EPA.

3. Review and Comment on Documents

- **Draft Basin Plan Amendment:** The Task Force reviewed and discussed the comments received from Orange County CoastKeeper on the Draft Basin Plan Amendment, including the use of the definitions 'potential' and 'probable'; the use of marine water vs. freshwater, (the Task Force concurred to omit the marine water reference); and providing language in relation to the application of high flow suspension. Discussion ensued about addressing the high flow suspension concerns.

Other comments discussed were about the implementation language with regard to follow-up on single sample maximum values for REC-1 and the geomean data being developed by a specified date; emphasizing that pathogen standards don't change; clarification of the disinfection requirements; adding the words "or source control" to natural or technological mechanisms for treatment purposes; consistency in name use for the Santa Ana 'River', 'Watershed' or 'Region'—choose one to use; and use of the words 'high or low quality' and the word 'density' instead of quality. Tim Moore will revise the wording for consistency.

Larry McKenney will forward his proposed language changes to Joanne Schneider.

- **UAA Reports:** Larry McKenney said no additional comments have been received. For all UAA reports, the Counties still need to provide survey results and planning information.

- **CEQA Document:** No additional comments were received.
- **Draft Executive Summary** Larry McKenney said that no written comments have been received. Joanne Schneider said that one minor modification was made with regard to high flow suspension, which was to add natural waters.

4. Additional Tasks

- **Update Field Verification of Non-Use:** Larry McKenney said that this task is the additional onsite verification being done for non-use. Dave Woelfel has received the survey reports, and so far there is no evidence of REC-1 use. It was noted that Cucamonga Creek still needs sampling, which Ray Hiemstra will do.
- **Update Status of Plans for Recreational Use for UAA Reaches:** The Task Force awaits a final validation from the Counties that there were no restoration plans for these reaches. The Counties will be contacted by email.
- **Future Task Force Meetings:** Brief discussion ensued as to whether or not this Task Force will meet once before going into the public review process. Joanne Schneider reviewed the schedule, noting that the package must go out by October 10. A deadline of November 23 will be established for comments, and then the responses to written comments will be completed by the December 9 Board Meeting. It is a very tight schedule, which probably won't accommodate holding regular Task Force meetings concurrently. It is not vital for the Task Force to meet during this process; however, one Task Force meeting will be held to address the comments.

It was noted that people still can post to the CDM e-room.

5. Next Meeting Date: The next Task Force meeting is tentatively set for December 5, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Handout Materials

- Summary of Photographic Survey Results
- Tier A-D Waters Definitions
- 95th Percentile Graph