# **Basin Monitoring Program Task Force**

April 24, 2019

#### STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Chino Basin Watermaster, Edgar Tellez-Foster
City of Beaumont, Thaxton Van Belle\*
City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin
City of Rialto, Tom Crowley
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog
City of Riverside RWQCP, Edward Filadelfia
Eastern Municipal Water District, Doug Edwards\*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum

## OTHERS PRESENT:

DBS & A, Hannah Erbele Geoscience Support Services, Johnson Yeh Geoscience Support Services, Lauren Wicks LeClaire & Associates, Joe LeClaire Risk Sciences, Tim Moore S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Mark Norton

#### STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District City of Banning City of Redlands Irvine Ranch Water District Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Sudhir Mohleji Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Joshua Aguilar Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside Orange County Water District, Marsha Westropp SBMWD/RIX JPA, Jennifer Shepardson WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson

S.A. Watershed Project Authority, T. Milford Harrison S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Zyanya Ramirez S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person Somach Simmons & Dunn, Tess Dunham WSC, Michael Cruikshank

Jurupa Community Service District San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Temescal Valley Water District

\*attended via conference call

#### Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

### Approval of March 20, 2019 Meeting Summary

The March 20, 2019 meeting summary was approved as presented.

#### Triennial Ambient Water Quality Update - WSC, Inc.

Michael Cruikshank, WSC, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Triennial Ambient Water Quality update. WSC is commencing their first phase of the process, collecting data from the stakeholders. An email requesting groundwater quality and groundwater level data will be sent out next week. Data will be processed as it is received. They expect to have all data collected by June 1, 2019.

#### SAR Wasteload Allocation Model Scenarios Update – Geoscience

Johnson Yeh, Geoscience, provided a PowerPoint presentation overviewing the results of the recalibration of the WLAM with rising water as a model input and the results to the sensitivity run on model calibration with reduced rising water.

Results showed that using rising water as an input results in a better model calibration. Although the sensitivity run presented more accurate results, at this time the Task Force is not in the position to fine-tune the assumed amount of rising water. Tim Moore shared that the Middle Santa Ana River Watershed TMDL Task Force is working on a synoptic study that would include a water quality monitoring effort in the summer. He prepared the scope-of-work for it and requested that they perform a more rigorous monitoring program to be able to support other Task Force efforts. Discussion ensued on the assumptions of rising water as a constant value.

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Geoscience was authorized to use the recalibrated model moving forward subject to modifications discussed at meeting. The results using the recalibrated model will be shared with the Task Force for review prior to next meeting in order to approve the results at that meeting.

#### Pros and Cons of Drought Policy Regulatory Changes – Risk Sciences

Tim Moore reviewed the Regulatory Implementation Alternatives for the Drought and Conservation Policy handout.

He was tasked to prepare a Guidance Document combining option 2) Long-Term Averaging Periods and 3) Offset Program for the Regional Board to review. Regional Board is expected to provide their feedback on Options 2 and 3 by the next Task Force meeting. Moore requested that the Guidance Document be recognized by the Regional Board through a resolution.

## **Schedule Future Meetings**

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- May 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- June 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.