

**LAKE ELSINORE/CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE  
MEETING NOTES**

**June 19, 2019**

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**VIA-CONFERENCE CALL**

Andy Ramirez  
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Nicole Dailey  
Pat Boldt  
Steven Wolosoff  
Alberto Acevedo  
Kasey Castillo  
Loren Sotelo  
Roger Turner

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**Call to Order & Introductions**

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Rick Whetsel at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, California.

**Meeting Notes**

It was requested by RCFC&WCD staff that the April 24, 2019, LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting notes be amended to note that the proposed monitoring of Mystic Lake was subsequently postponed due to concerns about the representativeness of the sample given. The time has elapsed since the last substantial rain and evaporation has occurred since.

**Update: Basin Plan Amendment to Update and Revise TMDLs**

**Discussion: Comment Letter on behalf of Task Force (Risk Sciences)**

Tim Moore /Risk Sciences presented to stakeholders three handouts he prepared to guide discussion regarding the proposed language in the adoption resolution for the Basin Plan Amendment to update the LE&CL TMDLs.

Mr. Moore started the discussion noting he was very pleased by the outcome of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Workshop on the TMDL Update and the Regional Board staff did a very good job of explaining the issues and presenting the efforts of the Task Force.

Mr. Moore noted in the subsequent week leading to the Public Workshop it became evident that there was some angst and uncertainty about some of the language in the Basin Plan Amendment Adoption Resolution and its attachment. The key issues being revisions made to the Adoption Resolution following its original posting in late March 2019. In April 2019, a revised version of the Adoption Resolution was posted with a paragraph added regarding when and how nutrient offsets can be used.

To address this, as well as, other issues regarding the Adoption Resolution Mr. Moore prepared the previously noted handouts to document what the Task Force is required to do and is committing to do to comply with the TMDLs.

Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was put forward by Nicole Dailey representing the City of Lake Elsinore and seconded by Lynn Merrill representing the City of San Jacinto authorizing Tim Moore /Risk Sciences to prepare a letter to the Regional Board accompanied by final stakeholder approved versions of the three handouts addressing the concerns of the task Force regarding the language in the Basin Plan Amendment Adoption Resolution and its attachment. The motion was unanimously approved by the Task Force.

Comments by stakeholders on the three handouts are due to Tim Moore /Risk Sciences by COB Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The final letter and handouts will be submitted by LESJWA by the comment deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion: LEAPS Potential Water Quality Risks and Benefits (Risk Sciences)**

Tim Moore /Risk Sciences presented to stakeholders a recent study prepared by Dr. Michael Anderson, which evaluated the impacts on water quality by the LEAPS project. One of the findings of the study, with respect to improving water quality in Lake Elsinore, is the possibility of adding oxygen to the water column through the water pumped back into the lake.

Mr. Moore requested the Task Force consider conducting a more in-depth analysis of this issue. The general premise being that if significant oxygen could be added and distributed throughout Lake Elsinore it would be a significant benefit for the TMDL and could be a source of nutrient offset credits. He added that a possible scenario for funding this study, to be implemented through and by the Task Force, could be Nevada Hydro through the new LESJWA policy for receiving outside funding. Whereas, Nevada Hydro would contribute funds to the Task Force and the Task Force would then apply funds to hire a consultant to conduct the study under the guidance of the Task Force.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was put forward by Nicole Dailey representing the City of Lake Elsinore and seconded by Michael Roberts representing the City of Riverside authorizing Tim Moore /Risk Sciences to prepare a scope of work for a proposal to study the addition of oxygen to Lake Elsinore to take forward to the LESJWA Board. The motion was approved with EVMWD staff abstaining from the motion.

### **Discussion: Lake Elsinore**

Nicole Dailey /City of Lake Elsinore informed stakeholders that the State will be taking cyanotoxin samples from Lake Elsinore on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

She also noted that the City is about to open its new Launch Point Camping/RV Resort and invited stakeholders to the exclusive opening event on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. and campout on Saturday and Sunday.

Chris Stransky /Wood Environmental informed stakeholders that he and John Rudolph /Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions will be providing an update on the Clean-up and Abatement activities at our next Task Force meeting.

### **Discussion: Canyon Lake**

Kasey Castillo /City of Canyon Lake noted following the April alum application to Canyon Lake that there were some instances of floating flocculent. This issue did not persist for long or caused any issue for the lake residents.

### **Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)**

#### **Action Item: Draft FY 2019-20 Task Force Budget**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA presented to the stakeholders the updated FY 2019-20 LE&CL TMDL Task Force Budget. This budget was revised following the June 13<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop using the latest stakeholder load allocation data available to CDM Smith. Following a brief discussion, a motion to approve the budget was put forward by Lynn Merrill representing the City of San Jacinto and seconded by Rae Beimer representing the City of Moreno Valley. The motion was unanimously approved by the Task Force.

#### **Discussion: RFQ Regulatory Compliance Expert**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA provided a brief update on the process to evaluate Statements of Qualifications provided by firms interested in replacing Risk Sciences as Regulatory Compliance Expert for the Task Force. This included consultant interviews to be conducted Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that a recommendation to hire one of the interviewed firms will be brought back to the Task Force at our next meeting.

### **Other Business**

Tim Moore /Risk Sciences informed stakeholders that EPA has recently published water quality criteria for cyanobacteria. He will further investigate this topic and bring it back for discussion at our next Task Force meeting.

John Rudolph /Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions noted that the draft Lake Elsinore Fishery Management Study Plan will be available for review by stakeholders next week.

### **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next LE&CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m. at RCFC&WCD.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.