

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

November 14, 2018

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin
City of Corona, Katie Hockcett
City of Rialto/Veolia, Aaron Kraft
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog
City of Riverside, Robert Eland
City of Riverside WQCP, Edward Filadefia
Eastern Municipal Water District, Al Javier
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Parag Kalaria
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Sudhir Mohleji

Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Joshua Aguilar
Jurupa Community Service District, Todd Corbin
Orange County Water District, Marsha Westropp
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Bob Tincher
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Tim Kellett
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Mark Bulot
SBMWD/RIX, Jennifer Shepardson
SBMWD/RIX, Marissa Flores-Acosta
WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Kevin Lee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Joe LeClaire
Geoscience Support Services, Johnson Yeh
Geoscience Support Services, Lauren Wicks
Griffin Dewatering, Mark Mugridge
Parsons, Robert Malone
RCTC, Nisa Hester
Risk Sciences, Tim Moore
S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Bruce Whitaker
S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Mark Norton

S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Zyanya Ramirez
S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li
S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Jayne Joy
S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person
S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Mark Smythe
S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Ryan Harris
Skanska, Curt Scawlan
Skanska, Teresa Jakeway
WSC, Michael Cruikshank

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
Chino Basin Watermaster
City of Banning
City of Beaumont

City of Redlands
Irvine Ranch Water District
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Temescal Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 1:05 p.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

Approval of October 30, 2018 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary was approved with changes.

I-15 Express Lanes Project Dewatering – TDS Offset Request – Griffin Dewatering/Skanska

The Riverside County Transportation Commission and its project partners, Griffin Dewatering Corporation and Skanska Construction Company, are adding two express lanes to the I-15 in both directions. Part of this project involves dewatering, which results in a discharge into the Santa Ana River Reach 3. The volume of water anticipated will range from 4.0 MGD to 6.9 MGD for a period of four to six months. At the request of Regional Board, Teresa Jakeway, Skanska Construction Company representative, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the dewatering details and options for the I-15 dewatering project. A discussion of the possible TDS impacts to the Santa Ana River ensued.

Mark Norton added that in the past, the Task Force has accepted funding support from de minimis projects to mitigate the impacts of their discharges. The financial contributions were applied to the Wasteload Allocation Model in order to run models and scenarios. Regional Board will reflect on Task Force discussion and meet with OCWD staff to make an evaluation on whether additional model runs or work is needed to allow a De Minimum Permit for the I-15 dewatering project to discharge to the river.

Wasteload Allocation for Future General TDS De Minimis Permits – Risk Science

The Task Force is running into more and more projects that may have salt discharge impacts and seek general TDS de minimis permits. At the last Task force meeting, the possibility of having a ghost allocation in the Santa Ana River Wasteload Allocation Model (WLAM) for when these projects come up was discussed. The issue with this approach is that the locations of future projects are unpredictable. It was the consensus of the Task Force that future projects seeking general TDS de minimis permits would likely need to run the SAR WLAM to determine salinity impacts instead of having the Task Force set up a separate wasteload allocation for future unknown projects.

SAR Wasteload Allocation Update - Geoscience

Johnson Yeh, Geoscience, provided a PowerPoint presentation with an update on Geoscience's responses to comments on draft Technical Memo No. 3 (TM3). Comments were received by the City of Corona, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency/Chino Basin Watermaster, Orange County Water District, and Risk Sciences. The Task Force requested time to review Geoscience's updated responses to comments.

Geoscience submitted a request for Change Order No. 3 to Task Order No. GEOS374-01 in the amount of \$29,710. Geoscience will revise assumptions for six WLAM scenarios and reruns, conduct additional analyses on the results from the six WLAM scenarios. They will also conduct sensitivity runs to better understand key issues and prepare for and participate in up-to two additional half day monthly meetings to describe project status and/or present draft and results to the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force and/or Regional or State Water Boards. Mark Norton stated that contingency funds are available to pay this effort. Regional Board advised the dischargers to contact them if they need to renew their discharging permits due to upcoming deadlines.

MOVED, to approve Change Order No. 3 to Task Order No. GEOS374-01 for \$29,710 for the SAR WLAM Update.

Results: Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second: Shepardson/Westropp

Tim Moore requested that every stakeholder send an email affirming the assumptions for their discharges.

Schedule Future Meetings

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A Scoping Committee for the Triennial Ambient Water Quality Update meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mark Norton informed the Task Force that an RFP is scheduled to be released in January 2019.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.