



Request for Public Assistance FEMA Emergency Declaration EM-3428

Carlos Quintero, Operations Manager

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Recommendation

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Request for Public Assistance

- FEMA Emergency Declaration EM-3428/DR-4482
- Eligible expenses:
 - Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety
 - Purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Estimated costs incurred through March 20, 2020:
 - 130 staff hours
 - \$25,750 cost (including benefits and G&A)
- Request for Public Assistance is due on April 8, 2020

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Questions??

SAWPA TASK FORCES REGULATORY SUPPORT

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Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

Eastern Municipal Water District	Chino Basin Watermaster
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	Yucaipa Valley Water District
Orange County Water District	City of Beaumont
City of Riverside	City of Corona
Lee Lake Water District	City of Redlands
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	City of Rialto
Irvine Ranch Water District	Jurupa Community Services District
Colton/San Bernardino Regional Tertiary Treatment and Wastewater Reclamation	Western Riverside Co Regional Wastewater Authority/WMWD
*San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	*City of Banning
* San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	* Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District

- Four new agencies added in 2015
- Santa Ana Regional Board also a non-funding task force agency

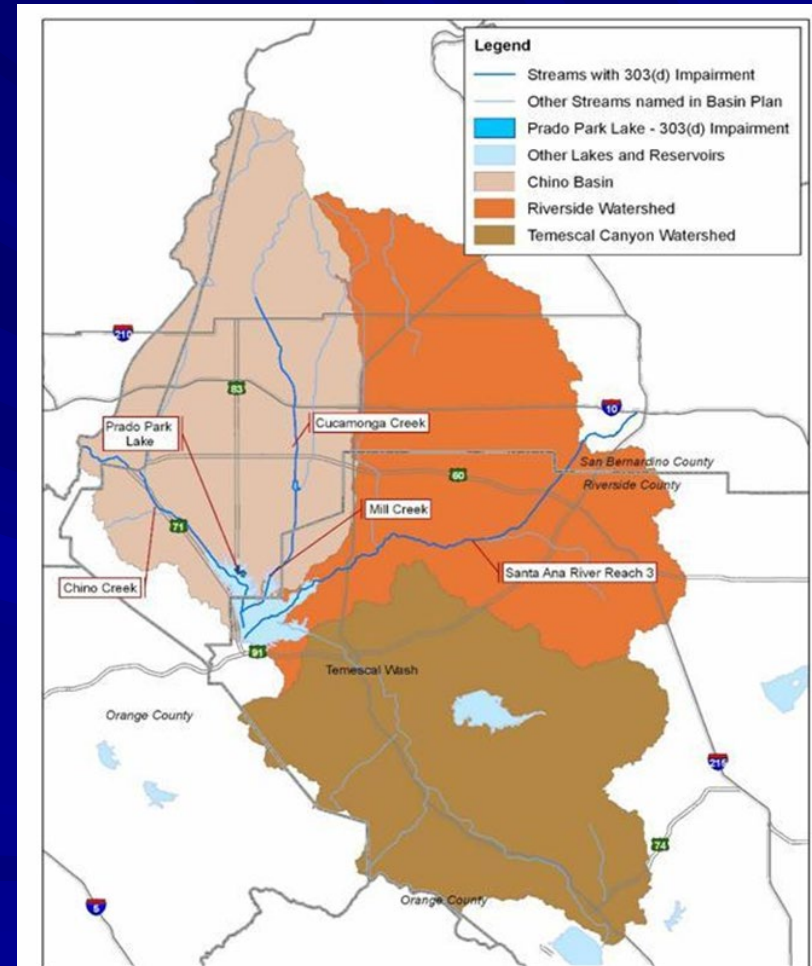
Recent and Future Deliverables – BMP TF

- Work continues on triennial ambient groundwater quality update by WSC with draft released in late Mar. 2020
- Some recalibration and updates to Upper Temescal Valley portion of Santa River (SAR) Wasteload Allocation – anticipated by mid-April 2020
- Basin Plan Amendment and Supplemental Environmental Document to be prepared for SAR Wasteload Allocation by May 2020
- Existing WWTP permits were extended to meet new SAR Wasteload Allocation
- Drought Policy based on So Cal Salinity Coalition technical work will be included in Basin Plan Amendment



Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen TMDL Task Force

- February 2005, Basin Plan amended to include Bacterial Indicator Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Middle Santa Ana River Waterbodies
 - Santa Ana River, Reach 3
 - Chino Creek, Reaches 1 and 2
 - Cucamonga Creek, Reach 1
 - Mill Creek (Prado Area)
 - Prado Park Lake
- Key Compliance Dates
 - December 31, 2015 - compliance with Dry Season TMDLs, wasteload allocations and load allocations
 - December 31, 2025 - compliance with Wet Season TMDLs, wasteload allocations and load allocations



Recent and Future Deliverables – MSAR TMDL TF

- February 2020, Task Force submitted the findings of a synoptic watershed study to Regional Board
- Recommendations:
 - Special Studies
 - Releases from Naturalized E. coli in Santa Ana River Bottom
 - Mill Creek Wetlands Special Study
 - Tier 2 Source Investigations
 - Santa Ana River Reach 3 Subwatersheds
 - Cucamonga Creek Subwatershed
 - Chino Creek Subwatershed
 - Water Quality Monitoring Program Enhancements
 - Preparation for TMDL Revision



Emerging Constituents (EC) Program Task Force

SAWPA authorized TF agreement - 2012

Description

- Complied with Regional Board Resolution under Cooperative Agreement for Imported Water Recharge
- Completed 2010-2013, 2019 Voluntary Annual Sampling reports for emerging constituents
- Implements safe tap water public outreach program based on SAWPA commission direction to respond to Environmental Working Group misinformation

Benefits

- Assisted state and federal agencies in determining most effective measuring and detection practices
- Avoided need to conduct long term EC monitoring costs on 100s of other ECs
- Watershed evaluation of ECs helped frame discussion on ECs at State level to our benefit
- Corrects misinformed media exposure through outreach
- Updates data on PFAs compounds in waterways

2013 Sampling Report for Emerging Constituents in the Santa Ana Region



Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority



April, 2014

Emerging Constituents Program Task Force – 21 Water & Wastewater Agencies and Regional Board Sign Agreement to Sample ECs

Who participates:

- Water Wholesalers
- Water Retailers
- Wastewater Treatment Operators
- Regional Board Staff
- DDW Staff
- USGS Staff
- Analytical Lab Staff
- NWRI Staff
- Environmental NGOs



Recent and Future Deliverables – EC Program TF

- Draft EC Program Task Force August 2019 Sampling Report was completed and shared for final review Mar. 2020
- Updates on changing regulations for PFAs will be shared and discussed at future task force meetings
- If need and desire exist for regional treatment approaches or additional regional monitoring, task force may be focal point for such activity
- Will meet at least quarterly with regulatory advisor updates



Task Force – Regulatory Support

- In Jan. 2019, Tim Moore of Risk Sciences announced his retirement effective July 1, 2020 for most task forces.
- Tim suggested part time transitional support of another consultant for FY 19-20 to supplement his support, gain institutional and regulatory background and then transition to full support of task forces in FY 20-21.
- Task Forces requested SAWPA issue an RFQ to determine potential firms who can conduct similar support to task forces.



Task Force – Regulatory Support

- Proposals from four firms received and interview panel formed consisting of three members from task forces affected, Regional Board Deputy Director, and SAWPA staff.
- Committee was unanimous in support of Theresa (Tess) Dunham of Somach Simmons & Dunn to undertake regulatory strategist/facilitator to all task forces
- In Aug. 2019 Commission approved new task orders to support task forces for FY 19-21. All task forces had recommended support of contracts with Tess Dunham of Somach Simmons & Dunn



Task Force – Regulatory Support

- On March 16, 2020, Tess Dunham informed SAWPA that she was transitioning to a new firm, Kahn Soares & Conway (KSC) effective March 31, 2020
- This firm change is more reflective of her role as a regulatory advisor as opposed to a legal counsel and both Ms. Dunham and her previous firm agreed that this transition would be a better fit for providing those services
- Ms. Dunham fees through June 2021 remain the same as previous firm
- Task Forces recommended approval of new agreement with KSC for Ms. Dunham's support.



Recommendation

That the Commission authorize the General Manager to execute the following:

- Agreement for Services with Kahn Soares & Conway and SAWPA;
- Task Order KSC374-01 with Kahn Soares & Conway in the amount not to exceed \$93,293.60 for the remainder of FY19-20 and for FY 20-21, to provide strategic and regulatory support for the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force; and,
- Task Order KSC384-01 with Kahn Soares & Conway in the amount not to exceed \$108,156.50 for the remainder of FY 19-20 and for FY 20-21, to provide strategic and regulatory support for the Middle Santa Ana River Pathogen TMDL Task Force.
- Task Order KSC392-01 with Kahn Soares & Conway in the amount not to exceed \$46,410 for the remainder of FY19-20 and for FY20-21 to provide strategic and regulatory support for the Emerging Constituents Program Task Force.