

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

**January 15, 2020**

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City of Riverside  
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VIA-CONFERENCE CALL

Tim Moore  
Loren Sotelo  
Nicole Dailey  
Alonzo Barrera  
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Risk Sciences  
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City of Lake Elsinore  
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**Call to Order & Introductions**

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Mark Norton at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

**Meeting Notes**

Approval of the Meeting Notes from the November 12, 2019 Task Force meeting were deemed acceptable.

**Status of BPA to Revise the TMDL (Regional Board)**

Schedule for Adoption Hearing (Regional Board)

Barbara Berry /Regional Board informed stakeholders that no formal date for an Adoption Hearing has been set. Regional Board is planning for an Adoption Hearing in the summer 2020.

Status of "offsets" Language in Draft Resolution

Regional Board informed stakeholders that they are still reviewing language regarding the off-set credits for the LE&CL TMDLs. Tess Dunham will follow-up with Regional Board staff to clarify this language, with the goal of having a decision prior to the Task Force's planned spring 2020 alum application.

Response to Peer Review Comments

Tess Dunham informed the Task Force that the consultant team will not complete their review and response by the end of January, as planned. Assignments have been made and it is anticipated that the response to comments will be delivered to stakeholders by mid-March.

It was noted that CDM Smith has sufficient budget to complete work related to the response to peer review comments.

Additionally, Wood Environmental was tasked with conducting an analysis of data starting with January 1, 2011 through end of 2019 to determine compliance with Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen TMDL load allocations (specified as 10-year running averages in the Basin Plan), which are to be achieved no later than December 31, 2020. Based on the evaluation, if it appears that compliance is not going to be achieved by December 31, 2020. Task Force members would need to consider requesting a Time Schedule Order to extend the window of compliance for stakeholders. This would be necessary because the revised TMDL is not anticipated to be in effect prior to the final compliance date of December 31, 2020 for the existing TMDL. Since this analysis was not included in the current scope of work for Wood Environmental, they will prepare a revised scope and budget to submit to the Task Force for the additional cost to complete this task.

Regional Board requested this analysis be completed by June 30, 2020.

### **Discussion: Spring 2020 Canyon Lake Alum Application (LESJWA Staff)**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA asked if the task force needed to conduct a spring 2020 alum application.

He reminded stakeholders that the current FY 2019-20 budget allocated roughly \$100,000 for the year to apply alum to Canyon Lake and that money was used on the September 2019 application. If there is an interest/need to apply alum in spring 2020, authorization from the Task Force will be needed to apply money from the Task Force Canyon lake alum reserve, currently estimated at \$125,000.

Discussion then ensued regarding a spring 2020 alum application considering in-lake water quality conditions, as well as compliance needs of stakeholders. Following discussion, it was decided that we would hold off on a decision regarding a spring 2020 alum application until the February monitoring results are available from Wood Environmental.

In the meantime, LESJWA staff would move forward with amending Aquatechnex's contract, and would set a tentative date in mid-March for a Canyon Lake alum application should the Task Force decide to move forward with a spring 2020 alum application.

Looking forward to future alum applications to be conducted under the language presented in the revised TMDLs, the Task force requested Steve Wolosoff /CDM Smith to develop a "Check List" for the Task Force to use to determine if an alum application is warranted based upon a set of standard conditions including water quality criteria, as well as stakeholder compliance needs. This "Check List" will be presented for discussion at our next Task Force meeting.

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

#### Draft FY 2020-21 Budget

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA presented for discussion a revised FY 2020-21 budget to the Task Force.

Stakeholders requested additional time to finalize their annual BMP credits for the LEAMS and Canyon Lake alum projects.

A revised budget will be distributed to stakeholders for approval via email, following the update of the stakeholders BMP Credits, anticipated to be completed by the end of January.

### **Other Business**

Mark Norton /LESJWA informed the task force of the 2020 LESJWA Water Summit scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at the New Point Launch Community Hall in Lake Elsinore. He requested input from the Task Force on topics of interest.

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA introduced the requirement that all Task Force materials placed on the SAWPA website will need to be ADA compliant. It has not yet been determined what this will mean for past documents currently

on the TMDL webpage. Moving forward we will include in all consultant contracts a stipulation that all deliverables be ADA compliant.

Tim Moore /Risk Sciences ask Wood Environmental if they have received any results from the fish tissue analysis for Lake Elsinore. Chris Stransky /Wood Environmental informed the Task Force that the full set of carp data has been received, this included an analysis of mercury, PCB's pesticides and nutrients. Chris also noted an additional fishing event, as they do not have adequate samples of bass and bluegill needed for the tissue analysis.

Tim Moore noted that the data is needed this year to support the next 303(d) listing cycle anticipated in 2022.

Mark Norton also noted the interest from public officials that the fish that are caught in Lake Elsinore by the public are safe for consumption.

**Schedule Next Meeting**

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.