

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

April 21, 2020

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VIA-CONFERENCE CALL

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City of Canyon Lake/Wildomar
City of Moreno Valley
City of Menifee
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City of Riverside
City of Lake Elsinore
City of San Jacinto
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Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
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Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
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WRCAC
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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 with all participants participating remotely, due to COVID-19 related social distancing restrictions.

Meeting Notes

Meeting Notes from the March 25, 2020 Task Force meeting were deemed acceptable and approved by the Task Force.

Status: TMDL Update (Regional Board)

Timing of Response to Comments

Barbara Berry /Regional Board informed the Task Force that Regional Board, which currently lacks staff to fully support to the TMDL efforts, has been given approval to proceed with hiring of staff. Due to the lack of available Regional Board staff, it is expected that the LE&CL TMDL Update will not likely go before the Regional Board for adoption until the fall of 2020.

Lauma Willis /Regional Board added that Regional Board staff needs additional time to evaluate the Task Force responses to the Peer Review. She also noted in meetings, EPA has expressed some reluctance in supporting the

novel TMDL Implementation approach being proposed by the Task Force. Regional Board needs to get these issues resolved with EPA, before proceeding to take this before their Board.

Tess Dunham / Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP and Steve Wolosoff /CDM Smith offered the services of the Task Force consultants to assist Regional Board in their conversations with EPA.

Nutrient Offset Credit Language

Barbara Berry /Regional Board reported no updates at this time.

Revisions Recommended by Regional Board Staff

Barbara Berry /Regional Board reported no updates at this time.

Schedule for Adoption Hearing (Regional Board)

Barbara Berry /Regional Board reported no updates at this time.

Discussion: Draft TMDL Progress Report Cards (Regional Board)

Barbara Berry /Regional Board updated the Task Force on the draft TMDL report cards that were distributed for the meeting. She informed stakeholders that she and her staff are working to submit them to EPA by Monday, April 27th.

She thanked the Task Force consultant team for their support and noted that she will be reaching out to them for additional support to address a request from EPA for metadata on the private funds (non-state) expended on the TMDL implementation tasks.

Any comments on these draft TMDL report cards are due by close of business Thursday, April 23rd.

Status: Spring 2020 Canyon Lake Alum Application (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA informed the Task Force the Canyon Lake alum application was completed last week without any significant issues (started on Monday, April 13th and completed on Friday April 17th). Aquatechnex did report some floating alum floc in the East Bay, but it was not considered significant.

The cost of the application including alum, and labor totaled about \$99,700, leaving about \$25,000 in the Task Force alum reserve account.

Mark Norton/ LESJWA informed the Task Force of concerns by local fisherman (as relayed to him by the City of Canyon Lake) that alum is detrimental to the sport fish population. In response to their concerns, LESJWA shared with the City our research on hard water lakes, such as Canyon Lake, which show no significant impact to aquatic life at the alum concentrations we are applying. This research showed no significant impacts to fish eggs even during the spawning season for bass.

Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

Nothing new to report.

Other Business

Mark Norton/ LESJWA informed the task force the lake level for Lake Elsinore is currently above 1,245 feet above mean sea level.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as a virtual conference call meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.