

## MEETING SUMMARY

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### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) SCOPING MEETING REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE UPDATES TO THE TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS AND NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION

October 26, 2020

#### PARTICIPANTS:

City of Rialto, Tom Crowley\*  
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson\*  
City of Riverside, Robert Eland\*  
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog\*  
Eastern Municipal Water District, Al Javier\*  
Eastern Municipal Water District, Doug Edwards\*  
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum\*  
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Sudhir Mohleji\*  
GEI Consultants, Richard Meyerhoff\*  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Eddie Lin\*

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LeClaire & Associates, Joseph LeClaire\*  
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole\*  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li\*  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person\*  
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Mark Norton\*  
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Haley Mullay\*  
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Jennifer Shepardson\*  
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson\*  
Brian Diaz\*

\*Participated via conference call

#### Call to Order/Introductions

Cindy Li, of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, gave a PowerPoint presentation titled *CEQA Scoping Meeting Proposed Basin Plan Amendment to Update the Waste Allocation for the Wastewater Treatment Plants that Discharge to the Santa Ana River and its Tributaries*. The meeting was started at 3:31 p.m. The presentation reviewed the requirements of the approval process for the Basin Plan Amendment. There will be Substitute Environmental Documents prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5.

Comments are requested from the public on:

- Appropriate scope and content
- Range of actions, alternatives
- Significant Environmental Effects
- Mitigation Measures

Cindy Li reviewed some background and foundational information about the Basin Plan and the currently adopted amendments. The main focus of the Basin Plan Amendment is to update the total dissolved solids (TDS) and total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) Wasteload allocations for POTWs, shown in Table 5-5 in the Basin Plan. The current limits in the Basin Plan Amendment Table 5-5 were displayed and the proposed Table 5-5 for the pending amendment were displayed and reviewed. None of the limits for the POTWs will increase, in fact, there are a few limits that have had concentration limits slightly decreased based on maximum discharged scenarios.

The schedule for this project is scheduled for the following approximate dates:

- CEQA Scoping comments due: November 26, 2020
- Final SED/Draft Basin Plan Amendment package: January/February 2021
- Anticipation Regional Board hearing/SED certification: March/May 2021

After the presentation was finished, comments and questions were requested from those on the call, if present. No comments or questions were provided from participants present. Comments and questions are welcomed and due to Cindy Li, at [cindy.li@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:cindy.li@waterboards.ca.gov), by November 26, 2020.

The meeting ended at 3:44 p.m.