

## MEETING NOTES

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# Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

October 26, 2020

### STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Beaumont, Thaxton VanBelle\*

City of Beaumont, Kevin Lee\*

City of Corona, Melissa Estrada\*

City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin\*

City of Rialto, Tom Crowley\*

City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson\*

City of Riverside, Robert Eland\*

Eastern Municipal Water District, Al Javier\*

Eastern Municipal Water District, Doug Edwards\*

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum\*

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter\*

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Sudhir Mohleji\*

Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Eddie Lin\*

Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Joshua Aguilar\*

Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside\*

Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole\*

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Bob Tincher\*

SBMWD/RIX JPA, Jennifer Shepardson\*

SBMWD/RIX JPA, Marissa Flores-Acosta\*

WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara\*

Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson\*

### OTHERS PRESENT:

GEI Consultants, Richard Meyerhoff\*

Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP, Theresa (Tess) Dunham\*

LeClaire & Associates, Joseph LeClaire\*

Risk Sciences, Tim Moore\*

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, T. Milford Harrison\*

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Mark Norton\*

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Haley Mulla\*

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li\*

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person\*

WEI, Samantha Adams\*

WSC, Michael Cruikshank\*

\*Participated via conference call

### STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

Chino Basin Watermaster

City of Banning

City of Redlands

Irvine Ranch Water District

Jurupa Community Services District

San Geronimo Pass Water Agency

Temescal Valley Water District

### Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 1:32 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

### Approval of September 22, 2020 Meeting Notes

The September 22, 2020 meeting notes were approved as posted.

### Draft Basin Plan Amendment Review– Risk Sciences/KSC

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP, and Tim Moore, of Risk Sciences, gave an oral report on the Basin Plan Amendment status. Multiple handouts were distributed to the Task Force prior to the meeting to summarize the substantive changes to Chapter 5 of the Basin Plan Amendment. The handouts, found on the Task Force's website, were the main points as the Basin Plan Amendment gets closer to adoption.

Other important topics that were mentioned during the meeting were:

- The current Basin Plan Amendment mentions that the Regional Board conducts the data collection and sampling for some reporting/monitoring requirements. Language is being adjusted to reflect the current procedure of the data being collected from various agencies and the Regional Board oversees the data quality. Also, new language is being added to clarify that other agencies can collect data for submission.
- Since the current procedure is monitoring and reporting for Reaches 2, 3, 4, and 5, the BPA will be updated to include Reach 3, since the current BPA only mentions monitoring/reporting for Reaches 2, 4 and 5.
- Agencies that are specifically called out in the BPA are the responsible parties who are a part of the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force. The main determination for inclusion was if the agency was a discharger. The list of task force agencies has evolved since its original formation and now includes

some agencies that are part of Maximum Benefit demonstrations. It was discussed that over time some agencies have requested opting out of financial contributions due to not being dischargers to the various river reaches. Tim Moore, of Risk Sciences, will be looking further into details and other official documents to determine the exact current list of required agencies. Discussion will need to continue based on comments or concerns from the currently listed agencies.

- Agencies that opt out of being in the Task Force will need to do their monitoring/reporting on their own accord and they would be required to submit those results by the same dates as the Task Force.
- Including a paragraph on the evolution of the Task Force and mentioning any other workgroups/subcommittees that have come under the umbrella of the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force.
- Any updates or minor changes to the Basin Plan Amendment will be able to be approved without needing to go through a full amendment process.

Any comments on the draft Basin Plan Amendment are **due by end of day, this Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. A CEQA Scoping meeting for the draft Basin Plan Amendment will take place this afternoon, allowing any comments or concerns to be submitted to the Regional Board for the next 30 days. It is anticipated that the draft Basin Plan Amendment can be to the Regional Board for approval in the Spring of 2021.

#### **CEQA – Substitute Environmental Document and Need for Economic Analysis – GEI/LeClaire & Associates**

Richard Meyerhoff, of GEI, provided a verbal report on the status of the CEQA – Substitute Environmental Document (SED) and Need for Economic Analysis. No comments were submitted to the consultants on the document itself. Cindy Li, of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, suggested including tribal letters in the SED, which the consultants will incorporate. The SED follows the Basin Plan Amendment very closely and will be finalized within the next couple of months. A CEQA Scoping meeting will be held later today and will allow for comment on the Basin Plan Amendment for 30 days, which could affect the SED document, but it is not anticipated to have many comments/changes.

#### **Schedule Future Meetings**

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted virtually due to COVID-19, has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.