

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

December 2, 2020

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Beaumont, Thaxton VanBelle*
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada*
City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin*
City of Rialto, Tom Crowley*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
City of Riverside, Edward Filadelfia*
City of Riverside, Gisela Lopez*
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*
City of Riverside, Robert Eland*
Eastern Municipal Water District, Al Javier*
Eastern Municipal Water District, Doug Edwards*

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum*
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, Matt Howard*
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Jennifer Shepardson*
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Marissa Flores-Acosta*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara*
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson*
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Madeline Blua*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Geoscience Support Services, Lauren Wicks*
Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
LeClaire & Associates, Joseph LeClaire*
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 October 26, 2020 Meeting Notes

The October 26, 2020 meeting notes were approved as posted. The CEQA Scoping meeting summary was also reviewed, and the notes were approved as posted.

Draft Basin Plan Amendment Review– KSC/Regional Board Staff

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP, gave an oral report on the draft Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) status. Only one comment was received via email after the CEQA Scoping meeting held on October 26, 2020. The draft BPA language for Chapter 5 and substantive changes will be compiled and sent over to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) for further formatting and preparation prior to being presented for adoption. Tess Dunham will be drafting a staff report to forward to Cindy Li, of RWQCB, to go with the draft BPA package. It is hopeful that the document will be ready for Public Notice in early to mid-January 2021, with adoption anticipated at the February/March 2021 RWQCB Meeting.

Proposed Basin Monitoring Program Task Force Planning Priorities (2021 – 2025) – KSC

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP, gave an oral report on a handout previously distributed to the Task Force titled *Basin Monitoring Program Task Force Draft Planning Priorities (2021 – 2025)*. The focus for the document was a proposed list of planning priorities for 2021 – 2025 modeling and reporting efforts of the Task Force. Input from and discussion with the Scoping Committee has helped to further develop the initial list. It was clarified that the bulleted list on the handout was not listed in any order. Also, it does not address the tasks that are already being completed by the Task Force as required by the current Basin Plan Amendment. Each item was reviewed and discussed thoroughly during the meeting.

The second part of the document refers to a potential timeline for implementing these processes. The first bullet addressed an idea to have a potential workshop with various consultants and others that would like to come together during early February to brainstorm about the ideas/planning priorities to hammer out details and ideas for the 2001—2021 Ambient Water Quality update prior to the Request for Proposals being released. Background and questions for the consultants would be prepared and distributed to the invitees prior to the workshop, to give everyone some time to focus on the scope of the workshop.

The next Task Force meeting will go further into details for the workshop, including a review of the potential budget estimates for the Fiscal Years 2021 -2022, and 2022 – 2023.

There are many variables in completing the additional work; examples being budget, length of time to complete the work, and current or future requirements/regulations. Due to this fact, the Task Force was asked to review the list and send any comments, suggestions, and feedback on tasks to add, edit or remove, as well as providing input on the prioritization or timeline of completing these tasks. All feedback on the priorities list is due to Tess Dunham and Mark Norton by end of the day on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Schedule Future Meetings

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted virtually due to COVID-19, has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th, 9:00 a.m. A Scoping Committee meeting was also scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m.

Consultant Technical Workshop is currently planned for early February 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.