

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

January 26, 2021

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin*
City of Rialto, Tom Crowley*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
City of Riverside, Edward Filadelfia*
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*
City of Riverside, Robert Eland*
Eastern Municipal Water District, Al Javier*
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*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara*
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
LeClaire & Associates, Joseph LeClaire*
Rubidoux Community Services District, Yvonne Reyes*
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, Eric Lindberg*
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 Beaumont
City of Redlands
Irvine Ranch Water District

Jurupa Community Services District
RIX JPA
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Temescal Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 9:01 a.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of December 2, 2020 Meeting Notes

The December 2, 2020 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Draft Basin Plan Amendment Update–KSC/Regional Board Staff

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP (KSC), gave an oral report on the draft Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) status. She recently provided a draft staff report to Cindy Li, of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, for use while preparing the documents for the anticipated presentation of the draft BPA to the Regional Water Quality Control Board's May meeting. Tess Dunham is working on the draft Resolution and the final draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) that will be sent over to Cindy Li in the next few days. Cindy Li, of the RWQCB, and her staff are working on finalizing format and ADA compliance on the documents, since they will need to be accessible to the public on the RWQCB's website, prior to approval.

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, *Basin Monitoring Program Task Force Revised Draft Planning Priorities*. Comments were received from the Task Force during the December meeting and afterwards via email.

The following recommendations were made and implemented:

- Elaborate on the list of priorities to give a summary, background and context of the planning priority/task. This will also aid in keeping the true meaning for the list as time goes on.

- Identify the priorities that are required/very highly recommended/needed (Tier 1) and those that are less pressing but would still be beneficial to complete (Tier 2).

The document is separated into sections about Tier 1 priorities and Tier 2 is combination. Tier 1 priorities include updating the surface water monitoring program, updating the groundwater monitoring program, conducting the recommended study regarding the cause(s) of TDS exceedances at Prado Dam, the triennial Ambient Water Quality update and any other ongoing work that the Task Force would be concerned about, such as the 2024 integrated report process/303D listings. Tier 2 focuses on future planning priorities and things to factor into future. The Tier 2 priorities include separating the antidegradation targets and the water quality objectives, harmonizing the water quality objectives in Reach 2 and Reach 3 of the Santa Ana River, removing surface water quality objectives for the individual salt ions, merging water quality modeling and projections through the Task Force for a more comprehensive model, and updating the geomorphology data used to evaluate the groundwater management zones in the region.

Tess Dunham, of KSC, provided a timeline that organized the priorities in a way that satisfies various upcoming due dates of tasks, through the current/future Basin Plan Amendment, the upcoming Recycled Water Policy, and other state policies/Task Force agreement requirements. There were no comments or concerns on the planning priorities from the Task Force.

MOVED, to accept the current draft of the document, *Basin Monitoring Program Task Force Revised Draft Planning Priorities*, prepared by Tess Dunham, of KSC, as final and approves Tess Dunham, of KSC, to finalize the document as a final draft for distribution to the Task Force.

Results: **Adopted (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: A. Javier/G. Woodside

Proposed Basin Monitoring Program Task Force FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-2023 Budget – SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, reviewed the potential budgets for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, with a draft budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for stakeholders of the Task Force. He was able to reach out to consultants that have completed work for the Task Force in the past, and get ballpark numbers on the work that is being proposed. The first draft budget presented was for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and showed the standard costs of the Task Force, without any additional work added, giving an idea of what the baseline costs would be. The second draft budget presented for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, including the full cost of the additional work that has been discussed and proposed amongst the Task Force. The third draft budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was presented with the additional work factored into the costs, but the triennial Ambient Water Quality Update contributions would be delayed to be collected in the Fiscal year 2022-2023. The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 draft budget reflected the effect of the delayed AWQ update costs for the stakeholders, but has potential to be refined with the upcoming Requests for Proposals (RFPs).

MOVED, to approve the Option 2 budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, that includes the estimated costs of the additional upcoming work while deferring the annual contributions for the triennial Ambient Water Quality update to be collected during the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, alleviating some of the financial burden for the upcoming year.

Results: **Adopted (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: G. Woodside/A. Javier

February 9th, 2021 Consultant Technical Workshop Agenda & Format – KSC

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP, gave an oral report regarding the upcoming technical workshop on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021. She reviewed the agenda and the memorandum of consultant questions that will be discussed during the workshop. There will be a time structure for each consultant team to provide input or responses to the questions, while not stamping out important, productive discussion. The

consultants are not required to answer all of the questions. This set of questions, the agenda and the Task Force YouTube link has been distributed to the individuals attending the workshop allowing them to gather information and be fully prepared for the workshop.

The questions/topics were divided into two categories: groundwater and surface water. She reviewed each question to remind the Task Force of the various questions/concerns that the Task force has on current processes. This workshop will confirm current procedures or identify areas or new technology that would be more beneficial or more efficient to accomplish the Task Forces' current and future goals.

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, February 23rd, 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.