

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

August 24, 2021

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Chino Basin Watermaster, Edgar Tellez Foster*
City of Beaumont, Kevin Lee*
City of Beaumont, Thaxton VanBelle*
City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*
City of Riverside, Robert Eland*
Eastern Municipal WD, Al Javier*
Eastern Municipal WD, 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*
Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside*
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Adekunle Ojo*
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*

*Participated via conference call

OTHERS PRESENT:

Geoscience Support Services, David Barnes*
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 Mullay*

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Jayne Joy*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person*
WSC, Michael Cruikshank*
West Yost, Samantha Adams*
West Yost, Sodavy Ou*
West Yost, Veva Weamer*

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
City of Banning
City of Rialto
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 1:31 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of June 29, 2021 Meeting Notes

The June 29, 2021 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Draft Basin Plan Amendment Update – KSC/Regional Board Staff

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP, gave a PowerPoint presentation update on the Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) process. The draft Supplemental Report of the Waste Load Allocation Model (WLAM) by Geoscience Support Services was distributed to the task force last week for review and comment. Tess provided a summary on the work completed by Geosciences Support Services. The work was done to make adjustments for three groundwater management zones (GMZs): San Timoteo, Bunker Hill-B and Colton. Some changes that prompted the updates were the removal of the Sterling Natural Resource Center discharges to City Creek, which in turn prompted Yucaipa Valley Water District's Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) permit limit needing to be adjusted from 6.7 mg/L to 5.5 mg/L for the maximum discharge scenarios to meet the objective. Feedback is requested from stakeholders and due to Tess Dunham at tdunham@kscsacramento.com and Mark Norton at mnorton@sawpa.org via email by Tuesday, August 31st, 2021.

Tess Dunham presented a clarification of some additional language regarding the WLAM not evaluating off channel discharges uses of recycled water for landscape or crop irrigation, provided on slide 5 of the PowerPoint presentation. Another concern from the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the BPA,

surround the 120-month rolling average of TDS as it could mask any real issues and delay response by water management to address them. The main view from the Regional Board is making the 120-month average a standard as opposed to applying it to permits on a case-by-case basis. The Regional Board requested discussion from stakeholders on this being a standard and their perspectives on the 120-month rolling average. A few draft language options were provided to the task force as possibilities of how to provide the flexibility of customizing permits based on the agency's specificities while still retaining a standard to apply in general permit cases. The Regional Board is open to conversations and questions about this language from stakeholders if needed.

Feedback and acceptance of the draft option language is requested from stakeholders and due to Tess Dunham at tdunham@kscsacramento.com and Mark Norton at mnorton@sawpa.org via email by Tuesday, August 31st, 2021.

Workshop 1- 2018 Recycled Water Policy and How Does Santa Ana River Salt & Nutrient Management Plan Measure Up? – West Yost

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation as a foundation for the work that they will begin in support of the Task Force's Planning Priorities. She reviewed the history of the various aspects of reporting and monitoring throughout the region and the rationale that supported the institution of existing procedures. The purpose for beginning this work will be to revamp a monitoring program that was created in 2005, incorporate past recommendations on how to update said work, and complying with the 2019 Recycled Water Policy. Ms. Adams reviewed some of the other factors that will influence the work progress, such as the draft (upcoming) Basin Plan Amendment. Lastly, Ms. Adams left the Task Force with some advancement options to consider as the work moves forward.

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, provided a schedule of future workshops to be held at upcoming Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meetings. The October 2021 workshop topic is "Critical Analysis of SAR SNMP Ambient Water Quality and Alternative Methods to Comply Pt. 1: What Have We Learned in 17 Years of Implementation?".

Additional Data Requests – West Yost

Veva Weamer, of West Yost, reviewed documents requesting various needs for data submissions from the Task Force stakeholders in support of their work on the Planning Priorities. The data request document will be found on the SAWPA website or are available by request if anyone would like to submit data.

Information and data submissions must be sent to Veva Weamer, of West Yost, (vweamer@westyost.com – corrected email), and Mark Norton, of SAWPA, (mnorton@sawpa.org) **by September 14, 2021.**

Schedule Future Meetings

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted virtually due to COVID-19, has been scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.