

Emerging Constituents Program Task Force

May 3, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Babcock Labs , Allison Mackenzie*	LeClaire & Associates , Joe LeClaire*
City of Beaumont , Thaxton VanBelle*	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California , Ai Jia*
City of Beaumont , Kevin Lee*	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California , Carrie Guo*
City of Corona DWP , Jennifer McMullin*	OCSD , Matt Smith*
City of Corona DWP , Korina R.*	OCWD , Jason Dadakis*
City of Rialto , Thomas Crowley*	OCWD , Lily Sanchez*
City of Riverside , Bobby Gustafson*	OCWD , Patrick Versluis*
City of Riverside, RWQCP , Edward Filadelfia*	OCWD , Prem Parmar*
City of Riverside , Robert Eland*	RWQCB , Jayne Joy*
Division of Drinking Water , Chun Huang*	SAWPA , T. Milford Harrison*
EMWD , Doug Edwards*	SAWPA , Mark Norton*
Eurofins , Rick Zimmer*	SAWPA , Rick Whetsel*
EVMWD , Sudhir Mohleji*	SAWPA , Haley Mullay*
EVMWD , Lenai Hunter*	SBMWD/RIX , Marissa Flores-Acosta*
EVMWD , Mike Ali*	SBVMWD , Matt Howard*
IEUA , Bonita Fan*	USGS , Robert Kent*
IEUA , Cathy Pieroni*	WMWD , Anthony Budicin*
IEUA , Richard Lao*	WMWD , Lyndy Lewis*
Irvine Ranch Water District , Jim Colston*	WMWD , Samantha Macdonald*
JCSD , Aaron Anderson*	Yorba Linda Water District , Roseanne Weston*
JCSD , Marce Billings*	*Participation via conference call
Kahn, Soares, & Conway, LLP , Theresa (Tess) Dunham*	

Introductions

The Emerging Constituents (EC) Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of February 1, 2021 Meeting Notes

Meeting notes were approved as posted.

Final EC Program Task Force FY 2021 – 2022 Budget – SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, reviewed the approved Final Emerging Constituents Program Task Force budget that was approved subsequent to the last meeting of the EC Task Force. Invoices will be distributed to stakeholders in early to mid-July 2021.

EC Program Task Force Regulatory Support Task Order – Tess Dunham, KSC

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, gave an oral report update on the contract for the group's regulatory support consultant, Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, & Conway, LLP. Her current contract is in effect until June 30, 2021. If the Task Force would like to continue with regulatory support, then the contract needs to be extended. Tess Dunham provided a quote for her continued support of \$23,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and \$23,500 for Fiscal Year 2022-23. This item had already been included in the current approved budget. Once approved by the Task Force, the Task Order will be presented to the SAWPA Commission for final approval.

MOVED, to approve the contracts for continued regulatory support of the Emerging Constituents Program Task Force by Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP, for Fiscal Years 2021-22 (\$23,000) and 2022-23 (\$23,500).

Results: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: T. Crowley/J. Colston

Interest in SAWPA's Compilation and Synthesis of Watershed POTW PFAS Monitoring Order Data for Submittal to State Board/Regional Board - SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, gave an oral report on potential regional compilation and analysis of PFAS monitoring data that has been collected by the POTW dischargers throughout the watershed. Since the State Water Board's orders dictate the monitoring data be collected and submitted, it may be beneficial for the watershed agencies to review a more comprehensive approach to PFAS monitoring and future responses. Discussion amongst the Task Force agreed that there were benefits of completing the monitoring analyses and work.

Update on Regional Board-funded SCCWRP CEC/Bioassay study in SAR Watershed – SCCWRP/Regional Board Staff

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, gave an oral report update on a previously presented SCCWRP study; a final workplan by Alvina Mehinto, of SCCWRP, was distributed to the Task Force prior to the meeting. The update was provided to Mark Norton by Heather Boyd, of RWQCB via email. A full list of samplings and sites will be ready by the end of the month. Some samplings were delayed due to low flows of the San Jacinto River and due to other events, such as wildfires.

a. Status of Final Work Plan

A final workplan by Alvina Mehinto, of SCCWRP, was distributed to the Task Force prior to the meeting.

b. Status of Planned Summer 2021 Dry Season Sampling & CEC Screening

The planned samplings will occur from May 2021 through September 2021 for the dry season.

Any questions or concerns, or information on the San Jacinto River at Highway 74, for Heather Boyd or Alvina Mehinto can be forwarded to Mark Norton, of SAWPA.

Update on Regional Board PFAS Investigation in Temescal Creek/Corona Area – Regional Board Staff

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, gave an oral report reviewing the documents distributed to the Task Force from Cindy Li, of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The Santa Ana RWQCB requested PFAS investigations and sampling to be completed at three facilities in 2020, the 3M Roofing Granule Plant, the Corona Landfill and All American Asphalt facility. Sampling sites were selected by the State since they are a logical source of PFAS, while other sites are chosen based on actual utilization of the chemicals in question. Sampling is also taking place at other areas, not just these three locations. This report was received by Regional Water Quality Control Board, but there has not been any action or response to the report. Jayne Joy, of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, elaborated that this information will be used to see if there is enough information to make an assessment and pose a resolution of any issues found.

Status and Overview of SB 230 Legislation to Establish a New State-Level CEC Program Focused on Drinking Water - MWDSC/CMUA Staff

Jason Dadakis, of Orange County Water District, gave a brief introduction on the documents that were shared with the Task Force, as it may be helpful to be aware of legislation being considered regarding Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs) in drinking water. Rick Zimmer, of Eurofins, offered

information since he is familiar with this legislation through ACWA. There was a hearing date in March 2021, but the bill was pushed to next year due to other legislative priorities. He also mentioned that there is a separate group that is trying to address methods for identifying CECs and how to establish analytical standards across the industry. There is a sub-committee under Environmental Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee (ELTAC) that is focused on identifying and establishing CEC analytical methods and will provide recommendations back to ELTAC. The CECs Methods sub-committee is comprised of private and public laboratories, as well as state regulators and data users. Cathy Pieroni, of IEUA, offered her assistance in providing any desired information from someone in her laboratory that is part of the ELTAC.

Time Extension from SWRCB on POTWs PFAS Monitoring – Tess Dunham, KSC

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP, informed the Task Force that there were no new details on this topic.

Update on New Investigative Orders on PFAS Issued by the State Board, Recently Approved Notification Levels for Drinking Water Systems and OEHHA Evaluating PFOS Relative to Proposition 65 – Tess Dunham, KSC

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP, gave an oral report update on the State Water Board's orders for PFAS. There have been newer rollouts of orders that apply to different sectors, such as industrial.

Another update from Tess Dunham regarded the recent Proposition 65 listing of PFOS by the Carcinogen Identification Committee. At the November 2020 meeting, the Committee prioritized specific chemicals for Proposition 65 listings, one of those constituents being PFOS (a chemical in the family of PFAS chemicals) and deliberated its level of priority. At their March 2021 meeting, they requested comments on the Prop. 65 listing of PFOS, due on Monday, May 10th, 2021, to California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). The comments requested are to be geared towards scientific evidence and studies that revolve around the effects of PFOS. Cathy Pieroni, of IEUA, added to the discussion stating that the Proposition 65 efforts are good news as they will scientifically offer direction to guidance on the levels of PFOS and its priority level of being addressed. Tess Dunham mentioned that there is a transcript available of the November 2020 meeting on the Proposition 65, on California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA's) website.

EC Task Force Public Education and Outreach Program – SAWPA/JPW Communications

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, gave informational report on most recent analytics report for the social media campaigns that JPW Communications manages for the Your SoCal Tap Water blog. Traffic to the Facebook page has double in the recent months, indicating a strong social media presence and success in spreading awareness about the safety of tap water.

Schedule Future Meeting

The next Emerging Constituents Program Task Force is scheduled for Monday, August 2nd, 2021, at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.