

**LAKE ELSINORE/CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE  
MEETING NOTES**

**September 28, 2021**

**PARTICIPANTS**

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Dan Cortese, City of Hemet  
Yu Tagai, City of Lake Elsinore  
Rae Beimer, City of Moreno Valley  
Maria Arreguin, City of Perris  
Cynthia Gabaldon, City of Menifee  
Mike Roberts, City of Riverside  
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Pat Boldt, WRCAC  
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Rick Whetsel, SAWPA  
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**Call to Order & Introductions**

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Rick Whetsel with all participants participating remotely, due to COVID-19 related social distancing restrictions.

**Approval of Meeting Notes from the August 30, 2021 Task Force Meeting**

Meeting notes were approved as posted.

**Notice: Santa Ana Region Annual Report (Andrea Macias / RCFC&WCD)**

The Final Santa Ana Regional Annual Report for the MS4s is due November 2021. Comments to the annual report are due by the end of the month to Rick Whetsel. Regional Board stated they did not have any comments to submit.

**Status: Regional Board Update (Regional Board)**

*FHAB Monitoring Program*

Barbara Barry /Regional Board provided a brief update on the FHAB Monitoring Program. There's been an increase in cyanotoxin levels; Regional Board is recommending a lake wide warning which will result in no recreational activities.

*Recommendation of 25<sup>th</sup> Percentile*

Barbara Barry /Regional Board reported that they met with WRCAC where they discussed the use of the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile values. The Task Force discussed having an independent local peer review local reference condition data to opine on the appropriateness of using median or the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile to calculate targets and load allocations for the revised TMDL. However, additional scientific review could trigger additional peer review, which would then cause further delay. The Task Force discussed including reopeners in the final revised TMDL to allow for re-consideration of final load and wasteload allocations based on the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile based on evaluation and analysis of additional reference condition data. At this time, Regional Board staff conveyed their position regarding using the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of reference condition data to calculate targets and wasteload allocations for revised TMDLs for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake.

**Discussion: TMDL Technical Report Update Next Steps (Tess Dunham/KSC)**

Tess Dunham /Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP presented CDM Smith’s Proposed Scope of Work and estimated costs revising the current draft Technical TMDL documents. The cost breakdown is as follows:

<b>CDM Smith Activities</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Task Force Participation	\$14,500
Regional Project Implementation Support	\$9,000
Lake Simulation Modeling	\$8,100
Technical Report Revision	\$104,120
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$135,720.00</b>

Various Task Force stakeholders expressed their concerns in moving forward with revisions to the Technical Report until there is further understanding regarding the content of the Implementation Plan that would accompany the revised wasteload and load allocations. The Task Force stakeholders did support the need for some initial funding for CDM to assist with initial conversations regarding the Implementation Plan.

Lynn Merrill, City of San Jacinto moved a motion; Mike Roberts, City of Riverside second the motion.

**MOVED**, to approve a blanket Task Order not-to-exceed \$30,000 for Technical Support to Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDL Task Force by CDM Smith, Inc.

A copy of the Tess’s presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/September-28-2021-Task-Force-meeting.pdf>.

**Update: Fall Canyon Lake Alum Application (LESJWA Staff)**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA informed stakeholders that the fall Canyon Lake alum application is planned for the week of October 11<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA reminded stakeholders that SAWPA sent out invoices for FY2021-22 in mid-July. Please reach out to Rick Whetsel with any questions.

**Other Business**

Rick Whetsel will discuss the need for a Request for Proposals for Canyon Lake Alum Treatment for Fiscal Years 2022-24 at the October LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting.

**Schedule Next Meeting**

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021, for 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. as a virtual conference call meeting.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

**Table Summary of Agreements and Actions**

<b>Date of Action/Agreement</b>	<b>Action/Agreement</b>	<b>Responsible Entities Reaching Agreement</b>
September 28, 2021	Approve funding in the amount of up to \$30,000 to CDM Smith to assist Task Force technical issues, including but not limited to, initial discussions regarding content and scope of TMDL Implementation Plan revisions should the Task Force decide to provide resources for further revising the 2018 draft TMDL.	Voting Task Force members.