

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

October 28, 2021

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Beaumont, Thaxton Van Belle*

City of Beaumont, Kevin Lee*

City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin*

City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*

City of Riverside, Doug Edwards*

City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*

City of Rialto, Thomas Crowley*

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum*

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter*

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*

WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara*

YVWD, Jennifer Ares*

YVWD, Madeline Bluea*

*Participated via conference call

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*

LeClaire & Associates, Joseph LeClaire*

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, Keith Person*

West Yost, Samantha Adams*

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West Yost, Veva Weamer*

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

Chino Basin Water Master

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 1:31 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of September 23, 2021 Meeting Notes

The September 23, 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 verbal update on the Basin Plan Amendment (BPA) process. The Basin Plan Amendment has been posted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) website in preparation for presentation at the December 10, 2021 Board meeting. Any public comments and feedback are due on November 29, 2021.

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, also noted that Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District's (EVMWD) Maximum Benefit Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Elsinore Valley Groundwater Management Zone (GMZ) is also up for approval at the Regional Board's December 10 meeting. If anyone has any questions, they can reach out to Samantha Adams, of West Yost, or Jesus Gastelum or Parag Kalaria, of EVMWD.

Workshop 2 – Critical Analysis of SAR SNMP Ambient Water Quality and Alternative Methods to Comply Pt. 1: What Have We Learned in 17 Years of Implementation? – West Yost

Samantha Adams provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Triennial Ambient Water Quality (AWQ) Update that is completed by the Task Force consultants to observe and analyze changes in the surface water and groundwater over time. She thoroughly reviewed some of the areas that need to be strengthened and highlighted the areas that the current program does well.

To close the presentation, Samantha Adams reviewed some thought provoking questions to gain insight and feedback from the stakeholders. The questions focused on data quality, procedural changes that can be maintained over time, and the prioritization of certain procedural changes over others. The next Task Force meeting is hoped to be a more in-depth conversation amongst the Task Force members to gain insight for the planning priorities as they are developed and recommended by West Yost.

Data Request Status – West Yost

Samantha Adams and Veva Weamer have completed data collection and will reach out if any other data is needed.

Schedule Future Meetings

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted virtually due to COVID-19, has been scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.