

Emerging Constituents Program Task Force

November 1, 2021

ATTENDEES:

City of Beaumont, Thaxton Van Belle*
City of Corona DWP, Jennifer McMullin*
City of Corona DWP, Korina R.*
City of Rialto, Thomas Crowley*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*
City of Riverside, Kevin Sudds
Division of Drinking Water, Faraz Asad*
EVMWD, Mike Ali*
EVMWD, Sudhir Mohleji*
EMWD, Al Javier*
EMWD, Doug Edwards*
Eurofins, Rick Zimmer*
IEUA, Bonita Fan*
IEUA, Richard Lao*
IEUA, Sushmitha Reddy*
Irvine Ranch Water District, Jim Colston*
JCSD, Marce Billings*
Kahn, Soares, & Conway, LLP, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Ai Jia*

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Carrie Guo*
OCSD, Matt Smith*
OCWD, Crystal Nettles*
OCWD, Jason Dadakis*
OCWD, Lily Sanchez*
OCWD, Patrick Versluis*
RWQCB, Cindy Li*
SAWPA, T. Milford Harrison*
SAWPA, Mark Norton*
SAWPA, Rick Whetsel*
SAWPA, Haley Mullay*
SBMWD/RIX, Jennifer Shepardson*
SBMWD/RIX, Marissa Flores-Acosta*
SBVMWD, Matt Howard*
WMWD, Anthony Budicin*
WMWD, Michelle Adams*
Yorba Linda Water District, Roseanne Weston*
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson*

*Participation via conference call

Introductions

The Emerging Constituents (EC) Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of August 2, 2021 Meeting Notes

Meeting notes were approved as posted.

SWRCB CEC Aquatic Ecosystems Panel Status Report – SCCWRP

There were no new updates on the status of this report at this time.

Timing and Scale of SAWPA Compilation Watershed POTW PFAS Monitoring Data– SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, gave a verbal update on the potential need or desire to complete an additional regional sampling/monitoring report reflecting data collected to assist in looking at the prevalence of PFAS in the watershed, via the Santa Ana River. Tess Dunham, of KSC, reminded the group of the seven agencies that requested the extension. Any agency that received the one quarter extension should be completed with the data compilation in early 2022. There was an extension letter from State Water Board that contains the list of agencies that had the extension granted to them for loading PFAS monitoring results into Geotracker. It will be referenced to get an idea of when the region would be able to get data collected and compiled.

Overview of Regional Board PFAS Source Investigations – Regional Board

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, introduced Cindy Li, of Regional Water Quality Control Board, to provide the updates on the PFAS Source Investigations.

a. Temescal Creek/Corona Area

The Water Board staff has requested that the El Sobrante Landfill and 3M to provide workplans for additional PFAS investigations. The workplan for El Sobrante Landfill was submitted and approved. The 3M PFAS work plan have been submitted and the RWQCB has some comments. We will discuss our comments and revisions with the consultant for 3M. All American Asphalt will receive the dewatering permit and the MRP (which includes PFAS monitoring) in the near future.

b. Next steps for airports, landfills, chrome platers investigations in watershed

Active and closed landfills have had source investigations completed (except for the El Sobrante Landfill). Data has been uploaded to GeoTracker as well, the Regional Board can assist with retrieving the data from GeoTracker, if needed.

Regulatory Report and Updates – KSC

Tess Dunham, of KSC, provided a PowerPoint presentation with updates titled *The Latest on PFAS Litigation & Policy*. Updates were provided on a national scale with focuses on California's role in those action and policies.

a. Any Future Release of Draft PHGs for PFOA and PFOS by OEHHA

Rick Zimmer, of Eurofins, provided input stating that both ACWA and CalNevada AWWA submitted comment letters on the recently released draft Public Health Goals (PHGs) for PFOS and PFOA. There was emphasis that decisions should be made on a scientific basis and not rushed through to meet deadlines based on legislative deadlines.

Tess Dunham, of KSC, suggested that it might be a good idea to coordinate with the Division of Drinking Water so that they may be able to speak on the current PFAS/PFOA regulations at the next quarterly meeting.

b. Any Proposition 65 Developments

No new developments on Proposition 65 since the last EC Task Force meeting.

c. Any New Statewide Investigation Orders

There were no recent investigative orders.

Schedule Future Meeting

The next Emerging Constituents Program Task Force is scheduled for Monday, January 24th, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.