

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

December 13, 2021

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Chino Basin Water Master, Edgar Tellez Foster*
City of Beaumont, Kevin Lee*
City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin*
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
City of Riverside, Doug Edwards*
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*
City of Riverside, Nicole Greenwood*
City of Rialto, Thomas Crowley*
Eastern Municipal WD, Al Javier*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum*

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Sudhir Mohleji*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Joshua Aguilar*
Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside*
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole*
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Jennifer Shepardson*
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Marissa Flores-Acosta*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara*
YVWD, Ashley Gibson*
YVWD, Jennifer Ares*
YVWD, Madeline Blua*

*Participated via conference call

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
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, Keith Person*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Jayne Joy*
West Yost, Samantha Adams*
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West Yost, Veva Weamer*

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
City of Banning
City of Redlands
Irvine Ranch Water District

Jurupa Community Services District
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Temescal Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 1:34 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of October 28, 2021 Meeting Notes

The October 28, 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 was adopted on December 10, 2021 at the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting. Next steps will need to be approved by the State Waterboard and the Office of Administrative Law, it will not need to be approved by the EPA. Jayne Joy and Cindy Li, of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, thanked Mark Norton and Tess Dunham for the presentation and education provided to the Board Members. Once fully approved, estimated to take about 6-8 months, the Basin Plan Amendment will be in effect and enforceable.

Workshop 2 – Critical Analysis of SAR SNMP Ambient Water Quality and Alternative Methods to Comply Pt. 2: Consideration of Alternative Methods – West Yost

Samantha Adams provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *Basin Planning Priorities Task 2 Workshop – Critical Analysis of Ambient Water Quality and Alternative Methods to Comply Pt. 2: Consideration of Alternative Methods*. She presented examples of areas that could use improvement and facilitated discussion amongst the stakeholders to generate ideas that would accurately represent the current conditions in the groundwater management zones and groundwater basins.

Some discussion topics were prioritizing the wells that are currently available for sampling, making sure that wells are well distributed throughout the groundwater basins, and considering the well depths and well monitoring data quality. Suggestions provided by stakeholders included preparing criteria that would assist in decision making about each groundwater management zones and any data gaps, collaborating with groundwater management groups (many formed under Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) to gain insights on work being conducted that could supplement the Task Force efforts, and confirming any updated aquifer hydrogeology work that has been completed by individual agencies/other groups that would contribute to the Task Force's planning priorities.

West Yost plans on sending out an email to the Task Force with the goal of scheduling one-on-one meetings with stakeholders and gain more individualized insights on the topics from today's meeting.

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, January 27th, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.