

# MSAR TMDL TASK FORCE MEETING

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**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from the March 14, 2022 MSAR Task Force Meeting
- 20 min 3. Discussion: Next Steps MSAR TMDLs (Tess Dunham /KSC)
- 10 min 4. Action Item: Comment Letter on the Staff Working Proposal of the MS4 Permit (Tess Dunham /KSC)

This Comment Letter on the Staff Working Proposal of the MS4 Permit, having gone through two rounds of review and comment is thought to address all key concerns of Task Force stakeholders.

Recommendation: Approve Task Force Comment letter to Regional Board on the Staff Working Proposal of the MS4 Permit
- 30 min 5. Action Item: Additional Pig Marker Monitoring (Steve Wolosoff /CDM Smith)

Results from the recent Homeless Encampment Phase 1A study of bacteria in the vicinity of homeless encampments on the Santa Ana River Reach 3 and 4 has shown that much of the bacteria was typed to the presence of feral pigs and not to the presence of humans or dogs. This finding, along with anecdotal reports of a large herd of feral pigs in the vicinity, warrant further investigation into the extent of pig-related bacteria impacts in this stretch of the Santa Ana River. The study can be performed cost effectively by including the sample collection for bacteria markers in the routine dry weather sampling program. The goal of this special study is to further understand the potential extent that pigs may be an uncontrollable bacteria source in the river and the relationship to general indicator bacteria within the TMDL segments.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order to CDM Smith to conduct additional Pig Marker monitoring as part of MSAR TMDL Compliance monitoring conducted as a component of the Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program.
- 20 min 6. Action Item: Amendment to Extend MSAR TMDL Task Force to Agreement (SAWPA Staff)

The 2012 Task Force Agreement is currently set to expire on December 31, 2022; however, due to certain agencies not being able to fund Task Force activities to be conducted past the expiration date of the Task Force agreement, a mid-year expiration date makes invoicing agencies for FY 2022-23 problematic. To avoid this issue, it is recommended that the MSAR TMDL Task Force finalize and approve Amendment #2 prior to June 30, 2022.

Recommendation: Approve Amendment #2 to extend the MSAR TMDL Task Force

Agreement for a period of five years to June 30, 2027.

20 min

7. Action Item: 2023 MSAR Triennial Report (SAWPA Staff)

In the effort by staff to prepare a scope of work for the upcoming 2023 MSAR Triennial Report, due to Regional Board February 15, 2023, it has become apparent that a significant background understanding of the data and analyses to be performed are necessary in preparing a document such as the Triennial Report. At this time, CDM Smith and GEI are the only readily available entities that have the background understanding required to prepare a detailed scope of work for preparation of the 2023 MSAR Triennial Report in the time that is available.

Recommendation: Approve direction for CDM Smith and GEI to prepare a Scope of work and cost estimate for the 2023 MSAR Triennial Report, which will then be brought back to the Task Force at its next scheduled meeting.

20 min

8. Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities

- a. RCFC&WCD
- b. SBCFCD
- c. Orange County
- d. Pomona & Claremont
- e. Agricultural Operators

9. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

10. Other Business

11. Schedule Next Meeting

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