

MSAR TMDL Task Force

Meeting Notes

April 12, 2022

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1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Rick Whetsel at SAWPA with all participants participating remotely, due to COVID-19 related social distancing restrictions.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from the March 14, 2022 MSAR Task Force Meeting

The March 14, 2022 meeting notes were approved as posted.

3. Discussion: Next Steps MSAR TMDLs (Tess Dunham/KSC)

In response to Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP the Task Force requested direction on how to move forward with revisions to the TMDL, specifically with the 2025 Wet Weather compliance deadline.

In preparation of our next meeting, Ms. Dunham will provide a list of proposed updates to the TMDL and language to clarify if the proposed updates will impact dry or wet weather compliance to the Task Force review.

4. Action Item: Comment Letter on the Staff Working Proposal of the MS4 Permit (Tess Dunham/KSC)

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) abstained from action and conversation in this matter.

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP presented the final draft comment letter on the Staff Working Proposal of the MS4 Permit, distributed on April 11, to the Task Force for approval. She stated that the goal and purpose of this comment letter is to convey the importance of the work conducted through the Task Force and how the Staff working proposal can be revised to reflect the role of the Task Force and all the work that has been done through the Task Force.

Arlene Chun, of San Bernardino County, moved a motion; Amy McNeil, of Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, second the motion. The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board abstained from this vote.

MOVED, to approve the Task Force Comment Letter to Regional Board on the Staff Working Proposal of the MS4 Permit.

5. Action Item: Additional Pig Marker Monitoring (Steve Wolosoff/CDM Smith)

Steve Wolosoff, of CDM Smith, provided a brief overview of a proposal prepared by CDM Smith for additional Pig Marker Monitoring.

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 conducted to compliance with the MSAR TMDLs through the Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring 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.

It is proposed that additional Pig Marker Monitoring be conducted during the upcoming dry weather season, which will allow for its incorporation into the 2023 Triennial report. Funding for this additional monitoring, at a cost of \$27,900, is available within the FY 2021-22 MSAR Task Force budget, as source evaluation work to support the TMDL update .

Pat Boldt, of WRCAC, moved a motion; Arlene Chun, of San Bernardino County, second the motion.

MOVED, to 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 Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program for a cost not to exceed \$27,900.

6. Action Item: Amendment to Extend MSAR TMDL Task Force to Agreement (SAWPA Staff)

The MSAR TMDL Task Force agreement is due to expire December 31, 2022. An amendment to extend the agreement for four and one-half years to June 30, 2027 was presented. This will align with the stakeholders' fiscal years. Upon approval, SAWPA staff will coordinate signature efforts. Once the amendment is executed, it will be distributed to the Task Force and posted on the SAWPA website.

Pat Boldt, of WRCAC, moved a motion; Amy McNeil, of the Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, second the motion.

MOVED, to approve the proposed language for amendment 2 to extend the MSAR TMDL Task Force Agreement for a period of four and one-half years to June 30, 2027 and for SAWPA staff to proceed to coordinate the collection of signatures from named Task Force parties.

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

The 2023 MSAR Triennial Report is due to the Regional Board February 15, 2023. In review of the data to be assembled and analysis to be conducted as part of the 2023 Triennial Review report, it was stated that only CDM Smith and GEI have the background understanding required to prepare a detailed scope of work for preparation of the report. It was therefore suggested that CDM Smith and GEI be tasked to prepare a detailed scope of work and cost estimate for review and consideration for approval at our upcoming Task Force meeting.

Mike Roberts, of the City of Riverside, moved a motion; Pat Boldt, of WRCAC, second the motion.

MOVED, to 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.

8. Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities

a) RCFC&WCD – Amy McNeil

The call for projects for the Santa Ana Region Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) for Riverside County has closed. RCFC&WCD received 16 projects and they are currently in the process of rating and ranking. The ranked projects will be announced on May 4, 2022.

The Task Force requested a brief presentation of the projects at an upcoming Task Force meeting.

b) ***SBCFCD***

Nothing to report.

c) ***Orange County***

Nothing to report.

d) ***Pomona & Claremont – Kimberly Colbert***

The new Regional Permit in the Pomona/Claremont area now requires biannual reporting (reporting in June and December). They're also required to post all their information including how the Watershed Management Plan is advancing and reporting on monetary and staffing resources to a webpage.

e) ***Agricultural Operators***

Nothing to report.

9. Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

Nothing to report from the Task Force administrator or SAWPA staff.

10. Other Business

Lauma Willis, Regional Board, stated that Barbara Barry will be returning from her leave. The acting senior, Pamela Ybarra will be working on PFAS and PFOAS and will no longer participate in this Task Force. Patrick Lewis will temporarily work with the Task Force.

11. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a Joint Regional Water Quality/MSAR TMDL Task Force and is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. as a hybrid meeting.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.