

Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force

April 20, 2022

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Abigail Suter, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD	Lynn Merrill, City of San Jacinto
Albert Acevedo, CDM Smith	Maria Arreguin, City of Perris
Aldo Licitra, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD	Mike Ali, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Amy McNeill, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD	Mike Roberts, City of Riverside
Barbara Barry, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Nicole Dailey, City of Lake Elsinore
Chris Stransky, Wood Environmental	Pat Boldt, WRCAC
Carlos Norvani, City of Lake Elsinore	Paula Kulis, CDM Smith
Cynthia Gabaldon, City of Menifee, Perris, and March JPA	Rae Beimer, City of Moreno Valley
Dale Welty, City of Canyon Lake	Rebekah Guill, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Dan Cortese, City of Hemet	Richard Boon, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Eric Lindberg, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Steven Wolosoff, CDM Smith
Garth Engelhorn, NV5	Stormy Osifeso, City of Riverside
Eric Lindberg, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Sudhir Mohleji, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
James Klang, TBL Consultants	SueAnn Neal, Regional Water Quality Control Board
Joe Bellomo, City of Canyon Lake	Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP
John Rudolph, Wood Environmental	T. Milford Harrison, SAWPA
Jase Warner, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Ian Achimore, SAWPA
Kris Hanson, City of Canyon Lake/Wildomar	Mark Norton, SAWPA
Lauma Willis, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Rick Whetsel, SAWPA
Lauren Sotelo, March JPA	Zyanya Ramirez, SAWPA
Lenai Hunter, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	

Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mark Morton , Task Force Chair, with all participants participating remotely, due to COVID-19 related social distancing restrictions.

Approval of Meeting Notes from March 2, 2022 Task Force Meeting

The March 2, 2022 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Status: Regional Board Update (Regional Board)

Barbara Barry, of Regional Board, announced that she is back, and she and Patrick Lewis will be representing Regional Board staff on the LE/CL TMDL Task Force. Pamela Ybarra accepted a position to work on issues relating to PFOA and PFAS compounds.

Action Item: Draft Key Principles for Technical TMDL Revisions (Tess Dunham/KSC)

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, presented the final draft Key Principles document for approval by the Task Force. The document addresses all key concerns of the Task Force stakeholders and Regional Board staff. Discussion ensued a detailed review of the most recent edits. It was clarified that the document is not legally binding the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and is only a mutual understanding of the stakeholder members and Regional Board.

Following discussion, regarding several suggested revisions to be addressed by Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP it was proposed that the main body of text be approved by the Task Force, and a revised Key Principles document to be prepared for distribution to the Task Force for possible approval via email.

Lynn Merrill, of City of San Jacinto, moved a motion; Cynthia Gabaldon, of City of Menifee, Perris, and March JPA, second the motion.

MOVED, to approve execution of the Key Principles for Technical TMDL Revision by Mark Norton, Task Force Administrator on behalf of the voting members of the LE&CL TMDL Task Force, subject to approval by the Task Force of revisions discussed at the April 20, 2022 Task Force meeting.

A copy of this draft is posted on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials:
<https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/4.-2022-4-15-2022-Final-Key-Principles.docx>.

Discussion: Outline Key Critical Decision Steps for the TMDL Implementation Plan (Tess Dunham/KSC and Steve Wolosoff CDM Smith)

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP, outlined key critical decision steps for the TMDL Implementation Plan. These decision steps will be outlined in technical memorandum that will be sent out to the Task Force for review and approval and will serve as a guide for discussion to be conducted over the course of the next several Task Force meetings.

A copy of Tess's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials:
https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Draft-04_2022_20-Meeting-PPT.pdf.

Action Item: Comments on Staff Working Proposal for 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 20, 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.

Following discussion, it was requested that the data in *Table 1. Estimated Watershed Nutrient Washoff Reduction from Street Sweeping and MS4 Facility Debris Removal by MS4 Permittees* be footnoted to address that this data does not reflect or include additional sediment removal efforts that have happened since submittal of the information in the 2019-2020 Progress Report

Lynn Merrill, of City of San Jacinto, moved a motion; Maria Arreguin, of City of Perris second the motion.

MOVED, to approve submittal of Task Force Comment letter to Regional Board on the Staff Working Proposal for the MS4 Permit, subject to revisions discussed at the April 20, 2022 task force meeting.

A copy of the draft comment letter is posted on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials:
<https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/6.-2022-4-10-Draft-Comments-Staff-Working-Proposal.docx>.

Status Update:

Spring 2022 Canyon Lake Alum Application (LESJWA Staff)

The spring 2022 Canyon Lake alum application commenced on Monday, April 18, 2022. Aquatechnex is scheduled to complete the alum application on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Dale Welty, City of Canyon Lake, added that there have been no comments from the community on the current alum application.

Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

Action Item: Draft FY 2022-23 Budget

Rick Whetsel presented the draft FY 2022-23 Task Force budget for approval by the Task Force.

Following discussion, it was requested by stakeholders that they be provided additional time to update the nutrient offset credits used to determine the budget allocations for LEAMS and Canyon Lake alum additions and a revised budget be prepared for distribution to the Task Force for possible approval via email.

A copy of this draft is posted on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials:

<https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/8.A.-2022-4-18-Draft-FY-2022-23-LECL-TMDL-Task-Force-Budget.pdf>.

Action Item: Amendment #3 to Task Force Agreement

The LE/CL TMDL Task Force agreement is due to expire June 30, 2022. An amendment has been shared with the Task Force to extend the agreement to June 30, 2025 and includes the option that the agreement may be extended an additional two years to June 30, 2027, by means of Administrative Action by the Task Force Administrator. 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; Lynn Merrill, of City of San Jacinto second the motion.

MOVED, to approve the proposed language for Amendment #3 to extend the LE&CL TMDL Task Force Agreement for a period of three years to June 30, 2025, with the option that the Agreement, while still in full force and effect, may be extended an additional two years, to June 30, 2027, by means of Administrative Action by the Task Force Administrator and for LESJWA staff to proceed to coordinate the collection of signatures from named Task Force parties.

Other Business

2022 LESJWA Water Summit

The 2022 LESJWA Water Summit will take place Wednesday, April 27, 2022. An invitation to the Task Force was sent. Today is the last day to register. The event will be in-person and there will not be a streaming option.

Regional Board

Lauma Willis, Regional Board, stated that as of February, the Water Boards were told to scale back on laboratory works until July. Due to budget constraints, they are unable to collect or have chemistry analyzed on their lake Elsinore F-HAB monitoring. She asked the Task Force if there was any agency that would be able to assist them financially or by analyzing their Lake Elsinore F-HAB samples. It was then requested that Regional Board staff provide an estimate cost to see if the Task Force could assist financially and to contact Chris Stransky of Wood E&I offline on possible cost savings to possibly coordinate efforts.

City of Lake Elsinore

Nicole Dailey from the City of Lake Elsinore has resigned her position with the City; her last working day will be May 6, 2022. The Task Force thanked her for her work and commitment to the City of Lake Elsinore.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. as a hybrid meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Table Summary of Agreements and Actions

Date of Action/Agreement	Action/Agreement	Responsible Entities Reaching Agreement
September 28, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve funding in the amount of up to \$30,000 to CDM Smith to assist Task Force technical issues, including but not limited to, initial discussions regarding content and scope of TMDL Implementation Plan revisions should the Task Force decide to provide resources for further revising the 2018 draft TMDL. 	Voting Task Force members.
November 3, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve moving forward with the proposed step-wise approach to updating the TMDL Technical Report and its timeline. 	Voting Task Force members
January 10, 2022	-	-
March 2, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force agreed to submit a comment letter to the Draft Staff Working Proposal for MS4 Permit by March 18, 2022. Regional Board confirmed that they would accept the comments past their soft deadline of March 10. • Approved the alum application to the Canyon Lake if the February monitoring data exceeds 0.09. 	Voting Task Force members
April 20, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved execution of the Key Principles for Technical TMDL Revision by Mark, Norton Task Force Administrator on behalf of the voting members of the task force subject to revisions discussed at the 4/20/2022 task force meeting. • Approved submittal of the Task Force Comment letter to Regional Board on the Staff Working Proposal for the MS4 Permit upon revision discussed at the 4/20/2022 task force meeting. Regional Board abstained from action and conversation of this matter. • Approved amendment #3 to extend the LE/CL TMDL Task Force Agreement for a period of three years to June 30, 2025, with the option that the Agreement, while still in full force and effect, may be extended an additional two years, to June 30, 2027, by means of Administrative Action by the Task Force Administrator 	Voting Task Force members; Excludes Regional Board in relation to the Comment Letter to Regional Board on the Staff Working Proposal for the MS4 Permit.