

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force June 22, 2022

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Beaumont, Kevin Lee*
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada*
City of Rialto, Kayla Ochoa*
City of Riverside, Doug Edwards*
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*
Eastern Municipal WD, Al Javier*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Joshua Aguilar*
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole*

San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Matt Howard*
San Geronimo Pass Water Agency, Emmett Campbell*
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Marissa Flores-Acosta*
WMWD, Anthony Budicin*
WMWD, Jennifer McMullin*
WMWD, Mallory Gandara*
YVWD, Ashley Gibson*
YVWD, Madeline Bluea*
YVWD, John Wrobel*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kahn, Soares, & Conway, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Bruce Whitaker*
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, Eric Lindberg*

West Yost, Garrett Rapp*
West Yost, Samantha Adams*
West Yost, Sodavy Ou*
West Yost, Veva Weamer*
Water Systems Consulting, Michael Cruikshank*
*Participated via conference call

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
Chino Basin Water Master
City of Banning
City of Redlands

Irvine Ranch Water District
Jurupa Community Services District
Temescal Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 9:33 a.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of May 24, 2022 Meeting Notes

The May 24, 2022 meeting notes were approved with edits provided by Eric Lindberg of RWQCB and Kevin O'Toole of OCWD.

Annual Santa Ana River Water Quality Report - SAWPA

Rick Whetsel, of SAWPA, provided a verbal presentation to the group regarding the 2021 Annual Santa Ana River Water Quality Report. The draft report has been completed and is being reviewed by Mark Norton, of SAWPA and Tess Dunham, of KSC, prior to being distributed to the Task Force. Once distributed to the Task Force, there will be a review period for stakeholders to provide comments. Any feedback and comments will be incorporated into the report and finalized before submitting to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

Options for Definition of Baseflow Conditions in the Santa Ana River for Assessment of Compliance with the Reach 3 Surface Water Objectives – West Yost

Veva Weamer, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *Overview of Recommended Surface Water Monitoring Plan*. Background information on the current water quality monitoring requirements and needs was provided to the Task Force. Starting with Reach 5 and working toward Reach 1, Ms. Weamer reviewed the evaluation of the 2005-2020 Surface Water Monitoring Program plan. For each Reach, the following information was presented:

- the Basin Plan TDS/TIN objectives
- the Basin Plan description of the criteria and approach for assessing compliance with the objectives surface water data collected since 2004

- the metrics computed to assess compliance with objectives and data used to compute the metrics;
- the questions to be answered by the surface water monitoring data;
- the history of compliance with the Basin Plan objectives
- any data or information gaps to answer the monitoring program questions.

Discussion around ions other than TDS and TIN, and the monitoring requirements was conducted amongst a few of the stakeholders that led to review of the Planning Priorities RFP. All specific recommendations and guidelines are included in the PowerPoint presentation provided by Veva Weamer of West Yost, available on the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force webpage.

Items that were discussed amongst the Task Force that were left to be finalized were listed as:

- Proposed frequency and analyte list of sampling for expanded monitoring on Reaches 4 and 5
- Proposed monitoring entity for new monitoring: Task Force and who does that equate to?

Discussion regarding the specifics of answering these questions was conducted amongst Task Force members. This discussion will continue at the next Task Force meeting so that stakeholders can think on them and bring ideas back for further discussion.

Update on the Progress to Develop a Groundwater Monitoring Plan – West Yost

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, presented the issue that West Yost's current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2022. Given that crucial work is still to be completed and that deadlines have been extended, the Task Force was presented with various recommendations of new expiration dates for the contract end date.

MOVED, to approve the time extension of West Yost's current contract expiration to December 31, 2022, with no anticipated change to the contract's budget amount.

Results: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: J. Shepardson/J. Aguilar

Update on the Progress to Develop a Groundwater Monitoring Plan – West Yost

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *Groundwater Monitoring Plan and AWQ Methods – Status Update*. Ms. Adams provided status updates on progress made since the May 2022 meeting. Remaining information from well owners has been received, Landfill and Geotracker monitoring wells were reviewed, and data gap assessment work is ongoing. After reviewing those topics, Ms. Adams reviewed maps of various aquifers to get feedback on what stakeholders would consider data gaps.

Schedule Future Meetings

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted as a virtual meeting only has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.