

Joint Regional Water Quality/Middle Santa Ana River TMDL Task Force

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1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.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 May 23, 2022 MSAR Task Force Meeting

The May 23, 2022 meeting notes were approved as posted.

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

Tess Dunham continued discussion on the next steps to update the MSAR TMDLs, informing the Task Force of recent conversations with Regional Board staff to discuss a proposal for a limited Basin Plan Amendment.

Barbara Barry /Regional Board stated that Regional Board staff supports the concept of a limited Basin Plan Amendment and wants to move forward with a project to update the MSAR TMDLs, noting that Regional Board staff has some concerns with the proposed schedule, as it relates to the ability Regional Board staff to provide timely responses to comment on and meet the schedule for Regional Board Actions. Barbara then added that she and Tess are planning further discussion with Jayne Joy to work out issues with the proposed project timeline.

Tess then walked the Task Force through her presentation, reviewing the proposed draft implementation schedule, benefits and justifications for updates to the TMDL and implementation tasks, the proposed time frame for approval of the proposed Basin Plan Amendment, and then highlighted the document and report deliverables to be prepared by the consultant team on behalf of the Task Force.

Following discussion, the Task Force unanimously approved the recommendation of the consultant team to move forward with the proposal for limited revisions to the current Basin Plan Amendment and for the consultant team to prepare a scope of work and budget for review and approval by the Task Force at the August meeting.

A copy of Tess Dunham's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/07_11_2022-Task-Force-Meeting-Presentation.pdf

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

Paul Caswell /CDM Smith provided a brief update on the 2023 MSAR Triennial Report. This included an update on the pig marker monitoring and effort to compile data from the 10-week Assessments of Cucamonga Channel by SBCFCD.

A copy of Paul Caswell's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/071122_CDMSMITHupdate.pdf

5. Status Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities

a) RCFC&WCD

Rohini Mustafa reported that the district has been collecting low flow data from the Kansas Basin low flow diversion channel to estimate the potential benefit of redesigning the intake to reroute dry weather flow into the Basin for recharge. Measured low flow data collected to date has ranged from 1.3 to 3.6 gal/min, which is low when considering the cost/benefit of pursuing the project. However, there have been multiple issues with the flow sensors and the District is planning to continue to work with the vendor and is planning to collect additional dry and wet weather flow.

The Santa Ana Regional Stormwater Resources Plan is nearly complete and it is anticipated that the plan will be finalized and submitted to DWR late this summer. Additionally, the District is planning to submit the Plan to the OWOW Steering Committee and SAWPA Commission for review and inclusion into the OWOW Plan.

Lastly, she provided an update on the Magnolia Center Storm Drain Follow-up Investigation being conducted by the City of Riverside stating that the City is continuing to collect dry weather samples, completing five sampling events to date, in an effort to locate the location of the source of contamination and eliminate it.

b) SBCFCD

Arlene Chun reported that the County is gearing up for another 10-week study of Cucamonga Channel and is planning a more in-depth study of Chris Basin for later this summer. Additionally, Ms. Chun noted that County staff has rerouted the dry weather flows in Chris Basin to along the edge of the basin. Lastly, Ms. Chun stated that the County is planning to repeat a six-week study for San Antonio Channel.

c) Orange County

Nothing to report.

d) Pomona & Claremont

Kimberly Colbert /Colbert Environmental Group representing the City of Claremont reported that the City did submit their certification statement for the 2021-22 Santa Ana Watershed Regional Bacteria Monitoring Report to Regional Board.

Julie Carver /City of Pomona nothing new to report.

e) Agricultural Operators

Pat Boldt representing Chino Basin Agriculture and Dairy nothing new to report.

6. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA noted that staff is continuing to work on obtaining signatures for the Middle Santa Ana River TMDL Task Force Amendment #2. It is hoped that we will have all signatures collected in time to send out FY 2022-23 invoices scheduled to go out in mid-July.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a MSAR TMDL only Task Force and is scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.