

MSAR TMDL Task Force

Meeting Notes

March 13, 2022

PARTICIPANTS

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Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP
Mark Norton, SAWPA
Rick Whetsel, SAWPA

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 12:30 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 February 17, 2022 Joint RWQM/MSAR Task Force Meeting

Meeting notes were approved as posted.

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

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP encouraged the Task Force to think about whether they'd want to take on a revision to the TMDL, specifically with the 2025 Wet Weather deadline coming up, and have a discussion in April when there is more information from Regional Board related to the MS4 permit. Terri Reeder stated that with an adequate justification, there could be a possibility of an extension for the compliance timeframe of the wet weather deadline.

4. Action Item: 2023 MSAR Triennial Report – Authorize SAWPA Staff to Prepare Issue RFP (SAWPA staff)

The 2023 MSAR Triennial Report is due February of 2023. The Task Force was asked to direct staff in prepare and issuing a RFP for the preparation of the 2023 MSAR Triennial Report (Report). Discussion ensued regarding any additional Monitoring or special studies to be included as part of the report.

The Task Force discussed the addition of pig marker monitoring, as was conducted for the Santa Ana River Homelessness Water Quality Monitoring. due to the limited time to complete the Triennial Report, it was decided that if additional pig marker monitoring were to be conducted, it should be done separate from the Triennial Report. Rick Whetsel stated that there is enough carry over funds to fund the Triennial Report, as well as any additional Pig Marker monitoring.

Arlene Chun, of San Bernardino County, moved a motion; Richard Boon, of Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, second the motion.

MOVED to authorize SAWPA Staff to prepare and issue an RFP for the 2023 MSAR Triennial Report.

5. Action Item: Draft MS4 Regional Permit – Task Force Comment Letter (Tess Dunham/KSC)

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP gave a detailed overview of the draft MS4 Regional Permit Task Force comment letter. Richard Boon suggested that the tone of the letter be enhanced to better convey why the MSAR TMDL Task Force is the best vehicle for continuing to make progress in the Regional Board's mission of water quality in the region.

Ms. Dunham stated that there is a placeholder in the letter to highlight major structural type BMP projects that have had significant improvements and impacts in water quality. She requested updates to the projects already listed and asked that the Task Force to advise her of any other projects to include.

As of now the permit is silent with respect to offsets for meeting bacterial indicator wasteload allocations. A previously submitted comment suggested the inclusion of offsets to the Staff Working Proposal of the MS4 Permit, whether it be by watershed management plans, a part of CBRPs, or some other mechanism. Ms. Dunham asked to the Task Force for consideration and requested input offline.

Ms. Dunham requested feedback of section V. *Recommendations for Revising the draft Santa Ana Regional MS4 Permit*. Mr. Boon recommended that there be no commitment in the letter that the future management program is presented by an updated CBRP versus a watershed management plan. Approved change:

- Recognize that Task Force participation, where applicable is a key component of Watershed Management Planning; and,
to
- Recognize that Task Force participation, where applicable is a key component of any BMP based management planning program; and,

Based upon today's feedback, Ms. Dunham will be working on another version for the Task Force to review. Ms. Dunham reiterated from past meetings that there is no formal comment period for the MS4 Regional Permit and the Regional Board will accept comments by end of the month, but there is some flexibility dependent the importance of each revision. This comment letter will be signed by SAWPA.

All comments related to the draft MS4 Regional Permit – Task Force comment letter should be directed to Tess Dunham at tdunham@kscsacramento.com.

6. Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities

a) RCFC&WCD

Amy McNeil stated that RCFC&WCD is working on getting their sign projects that are applicable into the stormwater resources plan, but in doing so they're coming up with different metrics to support those projects.

b) SBCFCD

Arlene Chun informed the Task Force that there will be a management change within the County and she'll continue to be part of the Task Force through the permit renewal process.

c) Orange County

Nothing to report.

d) Pomona & Claremont

Nothing to report.

e) Agricultural Operators

Nothing to report.

7. Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

a) MSAR TMDL Task Force Agreement

Rick Whetsel stated that the MSAR TMDL Task Force Agreement will be expiring in December 2022. It was requested by San Bernardino County that the extension align with the stakeholders' fiscal years as opposed to a calendar year, due to the County not being able to fund Task Force activities to be conducted past the expiration date of the Task Force agreement. A formal draft of the amendment will be presented to the Task Force for their review at an upcoming meeting.

8. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting MSAR TMDL Task Force scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. as a virtual meeting.

9. Adjourn

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