

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force July 26, 2022

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Beaumont, Kevin Lee*
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
City of Riverside, Doug Edwards*
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog*
City of Riverside, Nicole Greenwood*
Eastern Municipal WD, Al Javier*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter*

Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Bonita Fan*
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole*
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Matt Howard*
San Geronimo Pass Water Agency, Emmett Campbell*
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Jennifer Shepardson*
WMWD, Jennifer McMullin*
YVWD, Ashley Gibson*

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, Rick Whetsel*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Haley Mullay*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Barbara Barry*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li*

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Eric Lindberg*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Patrick Lewis*
West Yost, Garrett Rapp*
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 1:31 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of June 22, 2022 Meeting Notes

The June 22, 2022 meeting notes were approved oh. as posted.

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. Some comments were based on the formatting and layout of the report, while other comments focused on bigger picture items. Any comments related to the overall report have been forwarded on to West Yost to utilize in their upcoming recommendations for the monitoring programs and future annual report. Once the review is completed, the final report will be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and then distributed to the Task Force.

FY 22- 23 BMP TF Invoicing Status – SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, reminded the Task Force stakeholders that the annual invoices will be sent out to the agencies and indicated representatives by the end of the week. If there are any changes of staff or contact to receive the invoices, please reach out to Haley Mullay, hmullay@sawpa.org, to ensure the invoice gets sent to the correct stakeholder representative.

Update on Preparation of the Integrated Report and SAR TDS Listings – Regional Board

Barbara Barry, of the Santa Ana Region of Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *2024 Integrated Report – Potential TDS & Cl Listings*. Ms. Barry reviewed the process of prepared the Integrated Report and summarized potential outcomes of the report. The current cycle's report started development in 2020 and is now in the decision-making and draft staff report portion of the process. The full report is due to the State Water Board in mid-October, delays are not possible due to a Superior Court ruling. Ms. Barry reviewed the procedures of the assessment and the potential condition categories for the Reaches through the watershed. She also discussed the justifications that will need to be sent to the EPA for Categories 4B and 5. Tess Dunham, of KSC, will work with the Regional Board to support the completion of the report.

Recommended Surface Water Monitoring Plan – Reach 3 TDS Compliance Metric and Special Studies for Reach 3 & 4 – West Yost

Veva Weamer, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *Groundwater Monitoring Plan and AWQ Methods – Status Update*. Ms. Weamer reviewed the recommendations on how the Task Force should move forward with sampling, monitoring, data sources/gaps and collection methods specifically for the Reaches 3 & 4 of the Santa Ana River.

Garrett Rapp, of West Yost, presented a recommendation for Special Studies to be conducted on Reach 3 and 4 to address data gaps as well as getting a better understanding of the surface water/groundwater interactions and water quality. Proposed monitoring program details include:

- Sampling timing, frequency, duration
- Sampling locations
- Constituents
- Proposed monitoring entity for new surface water monitoring sites: Task Force.

The report would include a map and table with description of monitoring plan. Recommended monitoring and procedures were reviewed in the presentation to the Task Force.

Any questions/feedback on the proposed surface water monitoring program should be directed to Veva Weamer (vweamer@westyost.com) or Garrett Rapp (grapp@westyost.com). The next Task Force meeting will include further discussion on the proposed compliance monitoring for Reach 2 and 3. The completion of a Draft Report of the 2022 Santa Ana River Water Quality Work Plan is underway.

Groundwater Monitoring Plan – Data Gaps Analysis – West Yost

This item was deferred to the next Task Force meeting.

Schedule Future Meeting

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted as a hybrid meeting (both in-person and virtual access), has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 30th, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.