

## Emerging Constituents Program Task Force

April 4, 2022

### ATTENDEES:

**Babcock Laboratories**, Allison Mackenzie

**City of Riverside**, Bobby Gustafson\*

**City of Riverside**, Nicole Greenwood\*

**EVMWD**, Mike Ali\*

**EVMWD**, Sudhir Mohleji\*

**EMWD**, Al Javier\*

**EMWD**, Doug Edwards\*

**IEUA**, Bonita Fan\*

**JCSD**, Ian Timmons\*

**Kahn, Soares, & Conway, LLP**, Theresa (Tess) Dunham\*

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**, Ai Jia\*

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**, Carrie Guo\*

**OCSD**, Matt Smith\*

**OCWD**, Crystal Nettles\*

**OCWD**, Jason Dadakis\*

**OCWD**, Lily Sanchez\*

**OCWD**, Patrick Versluis\*

**RWQCB**, Pamela Ybarra\*

**SAWPA**, Bruce Whitaker\*

**SAWPA**, T. Milford Harrison\*

**SAWPA**, Jeffrey Mosher\*

**SAWPA**, Mark Norton\*

**SAWPA**, Rick Whetsel\*

**SAWPA**, Haley Mullay\*

**SBMWD/RIX**, Marissa Flores-Acosta\*

**SBVMWD**, Matt Howard\*

**WMWD**, Anthony Budicin\*

**Yorba Linda Water District**, Rosanne Weston\*

**Yucaipa Valley Water District**, Ashley Gibson\*

Lauren Collins\*

\*Participation via conference call

### Introductions

The Emerging Constituents (EC) Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

### Approval of January 24, 2022 Meeting Notes

Meeting notes were approved.

### Draft FY 2022 – 2023 Emerging Constituents Program Task Force Budget – SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, provided the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 for the Emerging Constituents Program Task Force, including funding of regulatory support for the task force, the public relations Outreach program and potential studies of constituents of emerging concern.

**MOVED**, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget for the Emerging Constituents Program Task Force.

Results: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: A. Javier/B. Whitaker

### PFAS Regional Analysis Phase I RFP Development – SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, introduced Jeffrey Mosher, General Manager of SAWPA, to give a verbal presentation on the development of an RFP for PFAS Regional Analysis Phase 1. Since the last meeting, SAWPA has been working with its Member Agencies and OC Sanitation District to develop a scope of work for an assessment of PFAS in the watershed. Since confidentiality is highly important in this topic, legal agreements are still being worked on to make sure all involved are adequately prepared for an effective program. Initial phases of the study would be focused on the assembling and assessing of data, while later phases may focus on strategies and implementation of findings from the study.

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### **SAWPA Compilation Watershed POTWs EC and PFAS Monitoring Data Report– SAWPA**

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, introduced Rick Whetsel, of SAWPA, to give an overview of the final version of the Emerging Constituents Program: Compilation of Santa Ana River Watershed Surface Water PFAS Data. This report is focused on specifically PFAS compounds in response to the order released by the State Water board. Data was compiled on 40+ PFAS compounds and summarized into tables within the report. Tess Dunham, of KSC, mentioned that at their meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> the State Water Board will be reviewing all of their investigative data and next steps as a reminder to keep that in mind for the study and any other efforts including monitoring and data. Ms. Dunham will send a link to the meeting information over to Mark Norton for distribution to the Task Force.

### **SWRCB CEC Aquatic Ecosystems Panel and SAR Watershed CEC/Bioassay Study Status Report Report– SCCWRP**

Via the agenda, Dr. Alvina Mehinto, of SCCWRP, reports there is no additional information regarding the CEC Panel. Since the February meeting, the CEC Panel continues to work on the available CEC monitoring data and apply those in their risk framework. SCCWRP webpage has been updated and the date for the 3rd Panel meeting will be announced in April. This will be a closed session among experts followed by a public report out (most likely virtual). Dr. Mehinto reports that for the CEC/Bioassay study they have completed the second sampling event, and a subset of those samples were sent to Eurofins for chemical analyses. She shared that she won't have any updates or preliminary data to share until late summer.

### **Overview of Regional Board PFAS Source Investigations – Regional Board**

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, and Tess Dunham, of KSC, discussed the changes in staffing at the Regional Board and that it looks like Pamela Ybarra, of the RWQCB, may be the new representative for these meetings.

- a. **Temescal Creek/Corona Area**  
No discussion.
- b. **Next steps for airports, landfills, chrome platers investigations in watershed**  
No discussion.

### **Regulatory Report and Updates – KSC**

Tess Dunham, of KSC, provided updates on PFAS and microplastics regulations.

- a. **PFAS Update**  
Tess Dunham, of KSC, provided an update on the PFAS regulations by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). As mentioned previously, at their meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the State Water Board will be reviewing all of their investigative data and next steps. They have over 8400 drinking water results and 5700 non-drinking water results for analysis. She encouraged stakeholders to join the meeting virtually as it will assist the agencies in knowing the direction of thought for the board.
- b. **Proposition 65 Developments**  
As of the February 25<sup>th</sup>, the PFOA compound was added to the list of compounds subject to Proposition 65. A recent recommendation from OEHHA was sent to the State Water Board for a notification level of PFHXS (the sulfuric acids). Ms. Dunham also mentioned that the OEHHA board has noticed two workshops for hexavalent chromium and released an administrative draft for the maximum contaminant level for it. It is currently unknown when we will see a draft administrative report for MCLs for PFAS and PFOA.

**c. Any New Statewide Investigation Orders**

There were no recent investigative orders.

**Schedule Future Meeting**

The next Emerging Constituents Program Task Force was scheduled for Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.