

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force October 31, 2022

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Corona, Melissa Estrada*
City of Redlands, Jung Joon Park*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
Eastern Municipal WD, Al Javier*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, John Russ*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Ashley Alamo*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Alina Barrancos*
Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside*

Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole*
Riverside Public Utilities, Greg Herzog*
Riverside Public Utilities, Farid Boushaki*
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Adekunle Ojo*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara*
WMWD, Jennifer McMullin*
YVWD, Ashley Gibson*
YVWD, Mia Preciado*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kahn, Soares, & Conway, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
Rubidoux Services Community District, Jeff Sims*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Bruce Whitaker*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Kelly Rowe*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Mark Norton*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Rachel Gray*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Ian Achimore*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Rick Whetsel*

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Haley Mullay*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Eric Lindberg*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person*
West Yost, Garrett Rapp*
West Yost, Samantha Adams*
West Yost, Sodavy Ou*
West Yost, Veva Weamer*

*Participated via conference call

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

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

Irvine Ranch Water District
Jurupa Community Services District
SBMWD/RIX JPA
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Temescal Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 10:02 a.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of September 27, 2022 Meeting Notes

The September 27, 2022 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Integrated Report and SAR TDS Listings Response – KSC

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP, provided a brief verbal update on the potential listings for Reach 3 and Chino Creek Reach 1B. There has been discussion since the last meeting that for this 2024 Integrated Report Cycle, Reach 3 and Chino Creek Reach 1B are not anticipated to be listed as impaired by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The State Water Board and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can still trigger a listing if they deem necessary.

Draft FY2023-24 and FY 2024-2025 BMP TF Budgets – SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, reviewed two prepared draft budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and FY 2024- 25 for the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force. Last year, while preparing the budget for FY 2022-23, the costs for the Ambient Water Quality Update were included. It was noted that the Ambient Water Quality Update costs are also distributed evenly over 3 years to reduce budget impacts for stakeholders, and that in the future, if the AWQ work is conducted every 5 years moving forward, that that amount would also be distributed evenly over the 5 years. The budgets reflect the work to be completed by the Task Force, including any new

work suggested through the Planning Priorities work conducted by West Yost. The contingency fund has been used up in other efforts of the Task Force, so replenishing that contingency is also shown in the draft budget.

Budgets were prepared to be ready for the upcoming biennial budget work at SAWPA, as well as requests from stakeholders about anticipated costs for the Task Force. This allows time for the stakeholders to review and discuss at their respective agencies, as well as being prepared for future contributions to the Task Force.

Consultant Procurement for Ambient WQ Pilot - BMP TF Scoping Committee

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, provided a verbal report on the potential of sole sourcing with multiple consultants being awarded the contract for the Ambient Water Quality Pilot. The next Ambient Water Quality (AWQ) Pilot is due to the Regional Water Quality Control Board on October 1, 2023. The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force Scoping Committee had a meeting to discuss a suggestion to have multiple consultants with more global knowledge and experience in participating in the AWQ in the past work together to complete the work.

Only one main concern was presented for discussion regarding the contract and how the consultants work will be regulated to ensure efficiency and to limit duplicity of work conducted. To avoid any duplicative work and to optimize the use of the various consultants, West Yost would serve as the primary consultant for the contract with SAWPA, then West Yost would sub-contract Water Systems Consulting, Inc., and Daniel B. Stephens & Associates to support the work and streamline the effort among the three firms. This will be partnered with a thorough scope of work with well-defined roles for the various consultants to contribute to the whole project.

Overview of the Draft 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Program – West Yost

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *2022 Groundwater Monitoring Program*. Ms. Adams reviewed the major topics and functions of each of the sections of the draft deliverable. In the presentation, she emphasized that Section 3 contains critical review items for the stakeholders to focus on each Groundwater Management Zone they are involved with. The review and feedback are crucial before finalizing the draft document, prior to completion and submission to the Regional Board on December 1, 2022. Ms. Adams also reviewed the plan for the proposed 2021 Ambient Water Quality Pilot Study. Over the next year, there will be workshops to check-in and update the Task Force on the work being completed for the report due to the Regional Board in October 2023. Ms. Adams also provided a cost estimate in the PowerPoint presentation for the AWQ Pilot Study work. She provided a potential schedule for the work as well as a breakdown of the five tasks included. All comments will be compiled into matrix to address any questions or concerns, and the matrix will be included in the final document.

Please provide any comments or feedback to Samantha Adams, of West Yost at sadams@westyost.com, and cc Mark Norton, mnorton@sawpa.org and Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP at tdunham@kscsacramento.com by Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Overview of the Draft 2022 Santa Ana River WQ Work Plan – West Yost

Veva Weamer, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Draft 2022 Santa Ana River Water Quality Work Plan that was distributed to the Task Force on October 26, 2022 for review. Ms. Weamer reviewed the major topics of each section within the draft deliverable, and then reviewed the work plan for each Reach of the Santa Ana River. The draft deliverable reflects the discussions had in workshops with the Task Force over the last year. All comments will be compiled into matrix to address any questions or concerns, and the matrix will be included in the final document. The report must be submitted to the Regional Board on December 1, 2022. A cost estimate for the Surface Water Monitoring Program was also provided within the PowerPoint presentation. Garrett Rapp, of West Yost, provided a portion of the presentation regarding a Surface Water Special Study to be conducted starting in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 with the development of the monitoring and data collection program. The goals of the study are to enhance the data available to characterize future TDS/Tin concentrations and to improve the ability of the Waste Load Allocation Model to predict future TDS/TIN concentrations in the Santa Ana River.

Please provide any comments or feedback to Veva Weamer, of West Yost at vweamer@westyost.com, and Garrett Rapp, of West Yost at grapp@westyost.com, and cc Mark Norton, mnorton@sawpa.org and Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares and Conway, LLP at tdunham@kscsacramento.com, by **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**.

Schedule Future Meeting

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted as a virtual meeting, has been scheduled for Monday, November 28th, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.