

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force November 28, 2022

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Redlands, Jung Joon Park*
City of Redlands, Fernando Mata*
City of Riverside, Reginald Agunwah*
Eastern Municipal WD, Doug Edwards*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, John Russ*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Alina Barrancos*

Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside*
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole*
Riverside Public Utilities, Farid Boushaki*
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Adekunle Ojo*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara*
WMWD, Anthony Budicin*
WMWD, Jennifer McMullin*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Hannah Erbele*
Kahn, Soares, & Conway, Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Bruce Whitaker*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Mark Norton*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Rachel Gray*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Rick Whetsel*

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Haley Mullay*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Eric Lindberg*
WSC, Michael Cruikshank*
West Yost, Samantha Adams*
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 Corona
City of Rialto

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

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 9:31 a.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of October 31, 2022 Meeting Notes

The October 31, 2022 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Draft FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-2025 BMP TF Budgets – SAWPA

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, provided another review of the draft budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 for the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force. The draft budgets were prepared earlier than usual to be ready for the upcoming biennial budget work at SAWPA, as well as requests from stakeholders about anticipated costs for the Task Force.

MOVED, to approve the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force, including costs covering the Planning Priorities, recurrent deliverables, regulatory support and contingency fund.

Results: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: J. Gastelum/G. Woodside

Ambient WQ Pilot Scope Next Steps – West Yost, WSC, DBS

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, provided a verbal report on the upcoming Ambient Water Quality Pilot. The next Ambient Water Quality (AWQ) Update 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 work together to complete the work with more global knowledge and experience

in participating in the AWQ work previously. Only a few questions were received by the consultants for the Scope of Work plan.

Comments and Next Steps on 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 comments received by the consultants. Feedback received and any applicable responses are:

- Clarifications on AWQ Pilot Study – Which groundwater management zones (GMZs) are performing simplified and standard approaches?
 - 4 GMZs pilot simplified approach: Bunker Hill-B, Perris South, Riverside-A, and Temescal
 - 7 GMZs compute with standard approach, with some modifications: Maximum Benefit GMZs (Beaumont, Yucaipa, San Timoteo, Chino North, Cucamonga, San Jacinto Upper Pressure, Elsinore)
- Additional details on some of the Task Force feedback (integrated model).
- Redlines to refine regulatory language and interpretations.

More discussion is also needed addressing the Data Gap Analysis; some items of concern were:

- Need more time to resolve responsible agencies.
- Request to separate it out into its own document and further refine process.
- Timing to determine the need and locations for well construction.
- More explicitly addressing Recycled Water Policy requirements.

Next steps include receiving Regional Board comments on 2021 Ambient Water Quality Study, receiving confirmation from Regional Board that the Task Force has met the December 1 deadline with the submission of the draft monitoring plan, starting the 2021 AWQ Pilot Study, collaborating with Regional Board staff to define a phased approach to finalizing the Workplan documents, and finally resuming discussion of refinements to the scope by addressing data gaps analysis by February/March 2023.

Comments and Next Steps on the Draft 2022 Santa Ana River WQ Work Plan – West Yost

Veva Weamer, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *Comments and Next Steps on the Draft 2022 Santa Ana River Water Quality Work Plan*. Stakeholders provided comments to West Yost. Next steps include separating the Special TDS Study into a separate document for compliance and continuing to address comments, refining the draft monitoring plan and then finalizing the 2022 Work Plan.

Schedule Future Meeting

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted as an in-person meeting ONLY, has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (Note: this meeting was later rescheduled to Thursday, January 26th, 2:30 pm to accommodate a schedule change by Tess Dunham.)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.