

## MEETING NOTES

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# Basin Monitoring Program Task Force February 21, 2023

### STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

City of Beaumont, Thaxton Van Belle\*  
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada\*  
City of Redlands, Jung Joon Park\*  
City of Redlands, Fernando Mata\*  
City of Riverside RWQCP, Bobby Gustafson\*  
City of Riverside, Nicole Greenwood\*  
Eastern Municipal WD, Doug Edwards\*  
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter\*  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Bonita Fan\*

Inland Empire Utilities Agency, John Russ\*  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Pietro Cambiaso\*  
JCSD, Bryan Smith\*  
Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside\*  
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole\*  
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara\*  
WMWD, Jennifer McMullin\*  
YVWD, Ashley Gibson\*  
YVWD, John Wrobel\*

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Kahn, Soares, & Conway, Theresa (Tess) Dunham\*  
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Ian Achimore\*  
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 Gohari\*

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Eric Lindberg\*  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li\*  
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 Rialto  
Irvine Ranch Water District

SBMWD/RIX JPA  
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
San Geronimo Pass Water Agency  
Temescal Valley Water District

### Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting, in response to, and in compliance with, COVID-19 regulations. Brief introductions were made.

### Approval of January 26, 2023 Meeting Notes

The January 26, 2023 meeting notes were approved as posted.

### Regional Board Integrated Report – Tess Dunham/Regional Board

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP, provided a verbal report on the 2024 Draft Integrated Report that was released on Friday, February 16, 2023 for review and comment. The comment period deadline is April 3, 2023. Ms. Dunham will be reviewing the report and will provide feedback with potential comments on behalf of the group at the March 2023 Task Force meeting. Adoption of the Regional Board 2024 Integrated Report is anticipated to be adopted in late 2023 or early 2024.

### Draft 2022 Santa Ana River WQ Work Plan – West Yost

Veva Weamer, of West Yost, provided a verbal update on the final draft of the 2022 Santa Ana River Water Quality Work Plan. The draft report should be ready for distribution to the Task Force for review and comment by the end of this week. The review period will be 21 days for any comments and feedback to West Yost. After that, the final draft will be submitted to the Regional Board by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Tess Dunham also commented on the SAR WQ Work Plan regarding the topics that will need to be addressed in upcoming Basin Plan Amendments and how they tie into the work being completed by West Yost.

**Task Force Member Comments to Basin Plan Amendments Handout – Tess Dunham**

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP, provided a review of a handout titled *Proposed Basin Plan Amendments for 2023*. The handout listed the topics or clarifications that needed to be addressed in an upcoming Basin Plan Amendment. Any feedback or comments on the handout are due by February 28, 2023 to Tess Dunham, and please cc Ian Achimore.

**Draft 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Program – West Yost**

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, a verbal report on the Draft 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Program. On February 16, 2023, the final 2022 Groundwater Monitoring Program documents were emailed out to the Task Force. Ms. Adams noted that any comments addressing a topic that will be separated into their own deliverables (for example: potential data gaps, implementation actions, etc.) are not addressed in the appendix for these documents, but they will be addressed in their respective separated deliverable. The Task Force was directed to email any comments to Haley Gohari, and cc Ian Achimore, prior to the March 8, 2023 deadline.

**Ambient WQ Pilot Kickoff – West Yost**

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, provided a brief verbal report on the Ambient Water Quality (AWQ) Pilot. The kick-off meeting for the Ambient Water Quality Update Pilot will be held during the March 2023 Task Force meeting. West Yost has successfully received all data requested for the 11 groundwater management zones that are to be included in the Pilot Update. West Yost will be beginning the analysis work and will have an update to present at the next meeting.

**Planning BMP TF 101 Virtual Workshop – SAWPA**

Mark Norton, of SAWPA, briefly discussed SAWPA staff hosting a Virtual BMP 101 Workshop to share with the Task Force for anyone interested in hearing background about the work the Task Force conducts. This virtual workshop would be a good resource for stakeholders, elected officials or staff that are new to the Task Force. The anticipated workshop date would be in late March/early April 2023.

**Schedule Future Meeting**

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting, which will be conducted as a virtual Zoom meeting, has been scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.