

Middle Santa Ana River TMDL Task Force

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1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Rick Whetsel at SAWPA with all participants participating remotely, due to COVID-19 related social distancing restrictions.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from the November 7, 2022 MSAR Task Force Meeting

The November 9, 2022 meeting notes were approved with minor text revisions.

3. Update: Next Steps MSAR TMDLs (Tess Dunham/KSC)

Tess Dunham provided an update on the limited Basin Plan amendment informing the Task Force that earlier today Regional Board staff held a CEQA scoping meeting at SAWPA. At this meeting, Barbara Barry, and her staff, Lauren Briggs walked through the proposed Basin Plan Amendment. Tess noted that Ray Hiemstra, Inland RiverKeeper attended and provided comments, but overall, there were few comments provided. The Regional Board is continuing to take written comments, with a deadline of February 8th.

Barbara Barry added that the Regional Board has completed their Tribal Consultation. Through this process Regional Board did receive requests for additional information on the MSAR TMDLs, but no Consultation with the Tribes was requested.

SAWPA staff will share a copy of the Regional Board presentation with the Task Force following today's meeting.

Richard Meyerhoff, GEI informed the Task Force that the consultant team is working to complete the TMDL Technical Report that supports the Basin Plan Amendment and the language contained in it. This report will cover the work completed over the past seventeen years by the Task Force, MS4 stakeholders

and Agricultural and Dairy. Additionally, he noted that this report will take into consideration any comments submitted to Regional Board regarding the CEQA process

To avoid confusion with the 2023 Triennial Report, which is currently out for review and comment by the Task Force, the draft TMDL Technical Report will not be released for review and comment to the Task Force until the comment period for the Triennial Report has ended.

4. Update: 2023 MSAR Triennial Report (Steve Wolosoff/CDM Smith & Richard Meyerhoff/GEI)

Richard Meyerhoff, GEI reminded the Task Force that comments on the draft 2023 MSAR Triennial Report (sent out on December 16th) are due by COB January 17th. This is to provide the consultant team with sufficient time to address comments in preparation of submitting a final report to Regional Board by the February 15th due date.

Richard then introduced Steven Wolosoff to present the draft findings from the 2023 MSAR Triennial Report. These included an assessment of compliance with the TMDLs, wet weather events, key findings from Special Studies, Tier 1 and 2 Source Evaluations and next steps

A copy of the GEI Consultants presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/MSAR-Task-Force-Presentation-January-2023.pdf>

5. Status Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities

a) RCFC&WCD

Rohini Mustafa reported that the State Water Resources Control Board issued their Concurrence Letter to the District for the Riverside County Storm Water Resources plan. This letter states that all eligible entities with stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects included in the plan are eligible for grant funding available through the 2014 Bond Act.

Next the District is to present the Plan to the OWOW Steering Committee scheduled for January 26th and then subsequently to the SAWPA Commission for review and inclusion into the OWOW Plan.

Following which, the District will launch the second call for stormwater projects to be included in the plan.

b) SBCFCD

No update beyond what was presented during discussion of the 2023 MSAR Triennial report.

c) Orange County

Not present.

d) City of Claremont

Not present.

e) City of Pomona

Not present.

f) Agricultural Operators

No update beyond Agriculture and Dairy supporting GEI in the preparation of the 2023 MSAR Triennial report.

6. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA reminded the Task Force that the Draft FY 2023-24 MSAR TMDL Task Force Budget was approved at the November 7, 2022 MSAR TMDL Task Force meeting and a final Approved budget was distributed to stakeholders on November 8, 2022.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. as a MSAR TMDL Task Force only meeting.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.