

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force March 27, 2023

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Chino Basin Water Master, Edgar Tellez Foster*
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada*
City of Redlands, Jung Joon Park*
City of Redlands, Fernando Mata*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum*
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Bonita Fan*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Eddie Lin*
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, John Russ*

Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Pietro Cambiaso*
Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside*
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole*
SBMWD/RIX JPA, Jennifer Shepardson*
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, Bruce Whitaker*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Gil Botello*
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, Haley Gohari*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li*

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Eric Lindberg*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Heather Boyd*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Keith Person*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Patrick Lewis*
WSC, Michael Cruikshank*
West Yost, Samantha Adams*
West Yost, Sodavy Ou*
West Yost, Veva Weamer*

*Participated via conference call

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
City of Banning
City of Rialto
Irvine Ranch Water District

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Temescal Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 10:01 a.m. in a virtual Zoom Meeting. Brief introductions were made.

Approval of February 21, 2023 Meeting Notes

The February 21, 2023, meeting notes were approved as posted.

Regional Board Integrated Report – Tess Dunham/Regional Board

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP, provided an update on the 2024 Draft Integrated Report process. The report was released on Friday, February 16, 2023 for review and comment. The comment period deadline is April 3, 2023. Ms. Dunham provided a draft comment letter to submit on behalf of the Task Force. The comment letter was distributed to the Task Force just prior to the meeting. Any comments and feedback from the stakeholders should be emailed to Tess Dunham by noon on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023.

Basin Plan Amendment – Tess Dunham

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP, provided a verbal update on the Draft 2023 Basin Plan Amendment document. The document was distributed to the Task Force about a week before the meeting for the stakeholders to review. Ms. Dunham reviewed a few of the items listed within the document, and she discussed that most of the items were given additional context and specificity. Any comments or feedback on the document should be sent to Tess Dunham via email by close of business on Monday, April 10th.

Ms. Dunham also reviewed an updated Planning Priorities document, which was also provided to the Task Force via email the week before. The document has been updated based on changes in the priority of the items

as well as updating them as they are completed or as they change in nature. Any comments or feedback on this document should be sent to Tess Dunham via email by close of business on Monday, April 10th.

Final Groundwater Monitoring Program – West Yost

Ian Achimore, of SAWPA, provided a verbal report on the Final Groundwater Monitoring Program. Very minor comments were submitted and addressed on the final program. SAWPA is currently wrapping up the final package to submit to the Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to the March 31, 2023 deadline.

Final Santa Ana River WQ Work Plan – West Yost

Ian Achimore, of SAWPA, provided a verbal report on the Final Santa Ana River Water Quality (SARWQ) Work Plan. Comments were submitted on a few of the major topics, such as base flow definition and the special study. The special study item was discussed at the January Task Force meeting. Since that topic is not required to be part of the SARWQ Work Plan, it has been separated out to be addressed on its own. Veva Weamer, of West Yost, also mentioned that a response to comments document has been prepared for distribution. SAWPA is currently wrapping up the final package to submit to the Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to the March 31, 2023 deadline.

2021 Ambient Water Quality Pilot Update: Overview of Simplified AWQ Analysis– West Yost

Samantha Adams, of West Yost, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *2021 Ambient Water Quality Pilot Study: Data Collection and Draft Simplified Methodology*, an update on the Ambient Water Quality (AWQ) Pilot. Ms. Adams provided a status of the data collection process and presented the applied simplified methodology on the Perris South GMZ. Most of the data has been collected from the agencies, and only a few data pieces are left from a few of the agencies. Ms. Adams provided historical context for the process of data collection and QA/QC methodology, and how that has been updated for the 2021 AWQ Update within the presentation. Then she reviewed the Pilot assessment in applying the simplified approach to the Perris South GMZ. The simplified approach will be applied to 4 GMZs to characterize historical and current TDS and nitrate conditions through data graphics to assist in making a determination of the available assimilative capacity. The rest of the GMZs to be analyzed will be subject to a modified approach as well. Next steps include getting feedback/comments from the Task Force on the documents.

Data Gaps Analysis: Summary of March 20 Scoping Committee Meeting – West Yost

Ian Achimore, of SAWPA, provided a verbal report on the Data Gaps Analysis discussion that the BMP Scoping Committee had on March 20th. West Yost provided a proposed budget of approximately \$59,000 for the work to address the potential data gaps analysis work. The approximately \$59,000 will not require additional contributions from the stakeholders. The Scoping Committee recommended the Task Force move forward with West Yost to perform the analysis since there are many areas that will need to address this issue under the Recycled Water Policy and the AWQ Update work. This work would fall under a Change Order under the Task Order executed in 2021.

Los Angeles Waterkeeper vs. State Water Resources Control Board – Tess Dunham

This item was deferred to the next meeting in the interest of time.

Setting April Date for BMP TF 101 Virtual Workshop – SAWPA

A doodle poll has been generated for options within April 2023 to hold the BMP TF 101 Virtual Workshop.

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, May 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.