

Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force

April 25, 2023

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Abigail Suter, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD	Mike Ali, EVMWD
Aldo Licitra, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD	Michael Roberts, City of Riverside
Alfredo Javier, EMWD	Natasha Thandi, Caltrans (MBI)
Barbara Barry, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Pat Boldt, WRCAC
Ben Foster, City of Lake Elsinore	Paula Kulis, CDM Smith
Chris Stransky, WSP USA	Rachael Johnson, Riverside County Farm Bureau
Carlos Norvani, City of Lake Elsinore	Rae Beimer, City of Moreno Valley
Cynthia Gabaldon, City of Menifee, Perris, and March JPA	Rebekah Guill, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Dan Cortese,	Richard Meyerhoff,, GEI Consultants
Doug Edwards,	Rohini Mustafa, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Dustin Christensen, City of Beaumont	Scott Sewell, CDFW
Garth Engelhorn, NV5	Steven Wolosoff, GEI Consultants
Jessica Galloway,	Stormy Osifeso, City of Riverside
Jim Klang, WRCAC	Sudhir Mohleji, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
John Rudolph, WSP USA	Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP
Johnathan Oliver Skinner, City of Lake Elsinore	Bruce Whitaker, SAWPA
Joe Bellomo, City of Canyon Lake	Gil Botello, SAWPA
Kris Hanson, City of Wildomar (Interwest)	T Milford Harrison, SAWPA
Lauren Sotelo, March JPA	Mark Norton, SAWPA
Lenai Hunter, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	Rachel Gray, SAWPA
Lynn Merrill, City of San Jacinto	Rick Whetsel, SAWPA

Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Rick Whetsel, with all participants participating remotely.

Approval of Meeting Notes from March 28, 2023 Task Force Meeting

The March 28, 2023 meeting notes were approved with the addition of Gil Botello, SAWPA added to the list of participants.

Status: Regional Board Update (Regional Board)

Barbara Barry, Regional Board, informed the Task Force that Regional Board staff are continuing to respond to Peer Review comments. She and her staff are also reviewing sections of the revised LE&CL TMDL Technical Report.

She then informed stakeholders that she and her staff will be following up with State Board staff on their response to comments on the draft 2024 Integrated Report. It is anticipated that the response to comments will be completed in August.

Regarding the monitoring of cyanobacteria in Lake Elsinore, she informed stakeholders that results provided by the City of Lake Elsinore have wavered between the Warning and Danger Levels, with the Lake currently posted at the Danger Level. Regional Board staff has continued discussion with the City of Lake Elsinore and their consultants from WSP USA regarding their efforts to monitoring cyanobacteria levels.

Ben Foster, City of Lake Elsinore reported that the City is continuing to work with WSP USA on the development of a monitoring program, as well as tools to keep the public informed on Lake conditions.

Update: Update: Draft 2024 Integrated Report (303(d) list) (Tess Dunham, KSC)

Tess Dunham, KSC informed the Task Force that she had addressed comments by stakeholders and that a formal signed Comment Letter to the State Water Resources Control Board on the draft 2024 California Integrated Report was submitted electronically by Mark Norton, LESJWA Administrator on behalf of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force on April 3rd.

LESJWA staff will share a copy of this letter to the Task Force following this meeting.

Update: TMDL Update Activities (Tess Dunham, KSC, Steve Wolosoff, GEI and Paula Kulis, CDM Smith)

Steven Wolosoff, GEI Consultants introduced Paula Kulis, CDM Smith to provide an overview of the results of the updated in-lake water quality models. Steven then discussed how the reference scenario modeling results are being used to create numeric targets. He then presented to the Task Force for discussion their preference as how these reference scenario modeling results should be presented within the TMDL Technical document. This included discussion on presenting these data as either a cumulative distribution function or as an exceedance frequency curve. He then brought up for discussion the appropriate number of years to be used in the assessment of compliance.

Pat Boldt and James Klang representing WRCAC commented that the permit requirements for non-dairy CAFO sources are still under development that they should have the ability to revise any language to go into the Basin Plan Amendment once a permit is finalized. Barbara responded that this situation often occurs with TMDLs and Regional Board has the ability to provide guidance to permit writers as to how the future permit should be implemented and as TMDL schedule being proposed for 30 years, she believes there is ample time to resolve this issue down the road.

Following discussion, Barbara suggested that she, Tess and Steven schedule a call to further discuss the issues brought up today.

Steven ended his presentation informing the Task Force of the proposed next steps and schedule moving forward as follows:

- Consultant team has received comments on Source Assessment and Allocations and will respond to these comments by the next meeting.
- Drafts Sections on Numeric Targets, Linkage Analysis, and Implementation are to be submitted for Task Force review the week of May 1.
- Other sections with less significant changes to follow.
- Regional Board planning staff in process of scheduling workshop and adoption for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

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

Update: Canyon Lake Alum Application (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel informed the Task Force that the spring 2023 Canyon Lake Alum application scheduled for the week of April 10th was postponed, due to Canyon Lake continuing to overflow.

The spring 2023 Canyon Lake Alum application has been rescheduled for the week beginning Monday, May 8th, weather permitting, as the lake is currently still overflowing.

Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel had no update but reminded the Task Force that FY 2023-24 Invoices will be sent out in July.

Other Business

No Other Business was discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Table Summary of Agreements and Actions

Date of Action/Agreement	Action/Agreement	Responsible Entities Reaching Agreement
September 28, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve funding in the amount of up to \$30,000 to CDM Smith to assist Task Force technical issues, including but not limited to, initial discussions regarding content and scope of TMDL Implementation Plan revisions should the Task Force decide to provide resources for further revising the 2018 draft TMDL. 	Voting Task Force members.
November 3, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve moving forward with the proposed step-wise approach to updating the TMDL Technical Report and its timeline. 	Voting Task Force members
January 10, 2022	-	-
March 2, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Task Force agreed to submit a comment letter to the Draft Staff Working Proposal for MS4 Permit by March 18, 2022. Regional Board confirmed that they would accept the comments past their soft deadline of March 10. Approved the alum application to the Canyon Lake if the February monitoring data exceeds 0.09. 	Voting Task Force members
April 20, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved execution of the Key Principles for Technical TMDL Revision by Mark, Norton Task Force Administrator on behalf of the voting members of the task force subject to revisions discussed at the 4/20/2022 task force meeting. Approved submittal of the Task Force Comment letter to Regional Board on the Staff Working Proposal for the MS4 Permit upon revision discussed at the 4/20/2022 task force meeting. Regional Board abstained from action and conversation of this matter. Approved amendment #3 to extend the LE/CL TMDL Task Force Agreement for a period of three years to June 30, 2025, with the option that the Agreement, while still in full force and effect, may be extended an additional two years, to June 30, 2027, by means of Administrative Action by the Task Force Administrator 	Voting Task Force members; Excludes Regional Board in relation to the Comment Letter to Regional Board on the Staff Working Proposal for the MS4 Permit.
June 27, 2022	-	-
August 17, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved execution of the Key Principles for Technical TMDL Revision by Mark Norton, Task Force Administrator on behalf of the voting members of the LE&CL TMDL Task Force. Approved a proposal by CDM Smith and a recommendation to the LESJWA Board to authorize a Task Order to update and revise the technical document and additional TMDL technical support services. 	Mark Norton, Task Force Administrator on behalf of the voting members of the LE&CL TMDL Task Force
September 27, 2022	-	-
November 14, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer the remaining balance of the contract work supported by Steven Wolosoff as of December 31, 2022 from CDM Smith and enter into an agreement with GEI Consultants to complete work starting on January 1 2023. Exercise an option for a two year extension with WSP USA to oversee and implement TMDL Compliance Monitoring. Program. 	Voting Task Force members
January 10, 2023	-	-
February 15, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Task Force moved to provide LESJWA staff in coordination with the Task Force consulting team the authority to make a determination on the need for a Spring 2023 alum application based upon review of the February 2023 Canyon Lake monitoring results to be provided by WSP USA. 	Voting Task Force members.
March 28, 2023	-	-
April 25, 2023	-	-