

Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force

August 7, 2023

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Alex Christie, City of Moreno Valley	Michael Roberts, City of Riverside
Aldo Licitra, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD	Natasha Thandi, Caltrans (MBI)
Barbara Barry, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Pat Boldt, WRCAC
Ben Foster, City of Lake Elsinore	Patrick Lewis, Regional Water Quality Control Board
Brian Covellone, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Rachael Johnson, Riverside County Farm Bureau
Chris Stransky, WSP USA	Rae Beimer, City of Moreno Valley
Carlos Norvani, City of Lake Elsinore	Richard Boon, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Cynthia Gabaldon, City of Menifee, Perris, and March JPA	Richard Meyerhoff, GEI Consultants
Dan Cortese, City of Hemet	Rohini Mustafa, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Dustin Christensen, City of Beaumont	Ryan Kearns, Riverside County Flood Control & WCD
Garth Engelhorn, NV5	Scott Sewell, CDFW
Greg Clark, Caltrans	Steven Wolosoff, GEI Consultants
Jim Klang, WRCAC	Sudhir Mohleji, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Jagroop Khela, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Tess Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP
John Rudolph, WSP USA	Bruce Whitaker, SAWPA
Kelsey Reed, City of Canyon Lake	Gil Botello, SAWPA
Kris Hanson, City of Wildomar (Interwest)	T Milford Harrison, SAWPA
Lauren Briggs, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Rachel Gray, SAWPA
Lauren Sotelo, March JPA	Rick Whetsel, SAWPA
Lynn Merrill, City of San Jacinto	Zyanya Ramirez, SAWPA

Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Rick Whetsel, with all participants participating remotely.

Approval of Meeting Notes from June 5, 2023 Task Force Meeting

The June 5, 2023 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Status: Regional Board Update (Regional Board)

Barbara Barry, Regional Board, informed the Task Force that she and Lauren Briggs are focusing their efforts on reviewing the last four sections of the TMDL Technical Report and plan to submit comments by the end of the week.

Update: TMDL Update Activities (Tess Dunham, KSC and Steve Wolosoff, GEI Consultants)

Tess Dunham, KSC, introduced Steven Wolosoff, GEI Consultants to present a review of the comments key submitted by the task Force and update of the Phase 2 and 3 Implementation Schedules.

The plan moving forward is for a Regional Board Workshop on December 1, 2023.

A copy of the presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials:

<https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/LECL-Task-Force-Presentation-August-2023.pdf>.

Update: LEAMS Operators Study to Evaluate Future Options for the Lake Elsinore Aeration and Mixing System (LEAMS) (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel provided an update to the Task Force on a RFP to be released by the LEAMS Operators for a study to look at treatment alternatives for Lake Elsinore.

The expectation is that this effort will address Task 5 – Evaluate in-lake control options to maintain intended uses in Lake Elsinore, identified in Phase 2 of the proposed TMDL Implementation Plan.

Action Item: Additional In-Lake Water Quality Monitoring (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel presented a request for a Change Order to the FY 2023-24 compliance monitoring program conducted by WSPUSA.

This recommendation comes from the year 2022 Nutrients Offsets Report for Lake Elsinore prepared by Dr. Alex Horne and would extend the operation of the LEAMS aeration compressors during the months of November & December, as compared to previous May-Oct operation in an effort to increase the TN offsets produced by LEAMS.

As part of this effort Dr. Alex Horne is requesting that the LE&CL TMDL Task Force task WSP to perform two additional monitoring events, one each in November and December 2023. This will be a one-time effort only to be performed in 2023.

The requested funds to cover the out-of-scope monitoring effort and associated data management is \$10,330 and are available from the LE&CL TMDL Task Force reserve.

Following brief discussion Lynn Merrill, representing the City of San Jacinto, moved a motion; Sudhir Mohleji, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District seconded the motion to direct LESJWA staff to prepare a Change Order for WSPUSA for an amount not to exceed \$10,330 to perform two additional Lake Elsinore in-lake monitoring events, one each in November and December 2023.

MOVED, motion for LESJWA staff to prepare a Change Order for WSPUSA for an amount not to exceed \$10,330 to perform two additional Lake Elsinore in-lake monitoring events, one each in November and December 2023 using funds available from the LE&CL TMDL Task Force reserve.

Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel informed the Task Force that there were mistakes in the initial FY 2023-24 invoices sent out July 10th to stakeholders and that the invoices were corrected and re-sent out to stakeholders.

The mistake occurred in LESJWA staff revising the approved task force budget to address the 2022 TP LEAMS offset credits. Corrected invoices were sent out on July 20th.

Please feel free to reach out to Rick Whetsel with any questions regarding the FY 2023-24 LE&CL TMDL Task Force Stakeholder Invoices.

Other Business

No Other Business was discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 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	-	-

<p>June 5, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force approved LESJWA staff to rework the nutrient offset credits based solely on the need for total phosphorus offset credits and to invoice stakeholders for only 2022 TP offset credits. All remaining funds are to be applied to stakeholders 2023 LEAMS budget allocation. 	<p>Voting Task Force members.</p>
<p>August 7, 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force approved for LESJWA staff to prepare a Change Order for WSPUSA for an amount not to exceed \$10,330 to perform two additional Lake Elsinore in-lake monitoring events, one each in November and December 2023 using funds available from the LE&CL TMDL Task Force reserve. 	<p>Voting Task Force members.</p>