

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force December 4, 2023

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Chino Basin Water Master, Justin Nakano*
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada*
City of Riverside, Drew Faherty*
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson*
Eastern Municipal WD, Doug Edwards*
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*
Jurupa Community Services District, Bryan Smith*

Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole*
Orange County Water District, Lisa Haney*
Riverside Public Utilities, Robin Glenney*
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Greg Woodside*
SBMWD/RIX/JPA, Jennifer Shepardson*
SBMWD/RIX/JPA, Marissa Flores-Acosta*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Anthony Budicin*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Jennifer McMullin*
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory O'Connor*
YVWD, Ashley Gibson*
YVWD, Jennifer Ares*

*Participated via conference call

OTHERS PRESENT:

CWE, Alexa Reasoner*
CWE, Jaime Sayre*
CWE, Nan Jia*
Dudek, Steve Stuart*
East Valley Water District, Rocky Welborn*
Kahn, Soares, & Conway (KSC), Theresa (Tess) Dunham*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Bruce Whitaker*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Gil Botello*

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, T. Milford Harrison*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Jeffrey Mosher*
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Ian Achimore*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Eric Lindberg*
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Patrick Lewis*
WSC, Michael Cruikshank*
West Yost, Samantha Adams*
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STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
City of Banning
City of Beaumont
City of Redlands

Irvine Ranch 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 9:06 a.m. in a virtual Zoom and in-person meeting.

Approval of October 30, 2023 Meeting Notes

The October 30, 2023 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Overview of Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan and Site Access Permits – Nan Jia (CWE)

Nan Jia, of CWE, provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the draft Quality Assurance Project Plan developed for the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force's surface water monitoring efforts. CWE will be the consultant supporting the Task Force in the sampling effort for the next three years. The laboratory analysis of the samples will be conducted by Babcock Laboratories. The draft QAPP was distributed to the Task Force for review and feedback via email prior to the meeting. Ms. Jia reviewed the process taken to develop each aspect of the project plan, including the objectives, data management, oversight and data validation. The Task Force members were asked to review the contact list developed with main contacts for each of the stakeholder agencies and verify that they are accurate and up-to-date.

This monitoring program will take place quarterly at 3 locations monitoring (Santa Ana River at E Street, SAR at Riverside Avenue, and SAR at Mission) for constituents (TDS, Nitrate, Nitrite, Ammonia, specific conductance, and TIN calculation). Field QA/QC samples will also occur once per year. After samples are analyzed, the data will be compiled, reviewed for quality assurance/quality checking, and then the data will be

uploaded to CEDEN annually. Access permits for the 3 sites have been requested, and are hoped to be approved before the end of January 2024 for the first set of sampling to occur.

Ms. Jia also reviewed the sites and other aspects of the sampling efforts that were addressed and considered within the QAPP document, such as health and safety, sampling methods and handling, and instruments and equipment to be used for these efforts. CWE will provide a final draft QAPP document to the Task Force at the end of the month after incorporating and responding to any comments received on the document.

Recap of Special Meeting for SCCWRP* Draft [Ionic Concentration Study](#) – Tess Dunham (KSC)

Tess Dunham, of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP (KSC), provided a verbal report on the Special Meeting held on November 13, 2024 for Southern California Coastal Water Research Project's (SCCWRP) draft manuscript titled *Assessing the Influence of Salinization on Aquatic Life in Santa Ana Region Wadeable Streams*. Ms. Dunham shared a summary of the presentation and circumstances surrounding the study. A draft letter on behalf of the Task Force will be written and distributed to the Task Force for review and approval prior to being sent at the end of January 2024 before the comment period closes.

2024 State Water Board [Integrated Report](#) Update – Tess Dunham

Ms. Dunham provided a verbal update on the status of the next cycle of the Integrated Report. It's anticipated that the revised integrated report list and the State Water Board's response to stakeholder comments will be published in January 2024 with the Integrated Report to be presented to the State Water Board in February 2024. If it goes as planned, this topic will be discussed at the January 2024 Task Force meeting.

2024 Basin Plan Amendment Update – Tess Dunham

Ms. Dunham provided a PowerPoint presentation to review the substantive comments received on the most recent draft of the Basin Plan Amendment. Ms. Dunham then explained the various comments received and how she will be addressing those comments in the document; each revision has a goal of clarifying the language and is meant to provide context or explanation where it's needed to prevent confusion.

Final comments on the revised Declaration of Conformance should be provided to Mr. Achimore and Ms. Dunham by December 20, 2023. Updates on the "Other Projects and Programs" section of the Basin Plan should also be provided to Mr. Achimore and Ms. Dunham by December 20, 2023.

"Special Study" Update and Scoping Committee Next Steps – Ian Achimore

Mr. Achimore provided a verbal update on the special study discussed amongst the Task Force at previous meetings. Mr. Achimore shared a graphic that showed the Task Force efforts through Fiscal Year 2028-2029. The Scoping Committee will be reviewing these projects and discussing the efforts more in depth at a meeting, anticipated to be scheduled in December before the holidays.

Schedule Future Meeting

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting was scheduled for **Monday, January 29, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** via an in-person and virtual Zoom meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.