

MEETING NOTES

Joint Regional Water Quality Monitoring/Middle Santa Ana River TMDL Task Force

April 17, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

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Arlene Chun, County of San Bernardino	Paul Caswell, CDM Smith
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1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Rick Whetsel at SAWPA with all participants participating remotely.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from the January 9, 2022 MSAR Task Force Meeting

The January 9, 2022 meeting notes were approved as posted.

3. Presentation: USACE SAR Levee Project (Julianna Adams/RCFC&WCD)

Julianna Adams presented to stakeholders on a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project to rehabilitate a section of the Santa Ana River Levees. This included a brief history of the levees, an assessment of damage to the levee system from storms, an overview of the work in process and follow-up adaptive management and monitoring commitments.

This project includes the rehabilitation of nearly 2.5 miles of the Santa Ana River channel and restoration of rip rap at a total cost of over \$36M. As part of this effort Julianna noted that 90 homeless encampments and 259 tons of trash were removed from the project area at a cost of around \$300,000.

A copy of Julianna's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/4.17.2023-Riverside-Levees-Presentation.pdf>

MSAR TMDL Meeting Items:

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

Tess Dunham provided a brief update on the limited Basin Plan amendment informing the Task Force that sections of the preliminary draft document have been shared and are currently under review by Barbara Barry and her staff. The plan moving forward is to continue to collect feedback from Regional Board staff, with a goal of bringing a full draft of the TMDL Implementation plan to the next Task Force meeting for discussion with stakeholders.

Richard Meyerhoff, GEI added that the document is about 80% complete, with work beginning on the implementation section.

Tess stated that once the draft is complete it will be shared with the Task Force for comment after which it will go to the Regional Board to go through their full Public Review Process as well.

2. Status Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities

a) RCFC&WCD

Rohini Mustafa reported that the SAWPA Commission formally approved the District's Santa Ana Regional Stormwater Resources Plan for inclusion and inclusion into SAWPA's 2018 OWOW Plan update. The District anticipates having a second call for stormwater projects to be included in the plan.

Mike Roberts, City of Riverside provided an update on investigations relating to high bacteria counts from the Magnolia Center Storm Drain. The City has had mixed results in their attempts to pinpoint the source of the bacteria and is currently in discussion with RCFC&WCD and the City Sewer Agency to explore the concept of diverting the Magnolia Center Storm Drain to the City's Regional Water Quality Control Plant.

b) SBCFCD

Arlene Chun informed stakeholders that the County is gearing up for the next round of sampling of Chris Basin and Cucamonga Creek.

c) Orange County

No update.

d) City of Claremont

No update.

e) City of Pomona

No update.

f) Agricultural Operators

No update.

3. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

No update.

Regional Water Quality Monitoring Meeting Items:

1. Update: 2022-23 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program Annual Report (Paul Caswell/CDM Smith)

Paul Caswell, CDM Smith presented on the draft 2022-23 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program Report. This included a detailed overview of water quality for each of the priority

groups, a review special studies and issues relating to conditions at the Mission Avenue and Lake Elsinore, Elm Grove Beach monitoring locations and things to look forward to in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 sampling years.

Paul informed the Task Force that the draft report will be ready for review and comment by April 30th with the final report is due to Regional Board by June 30, 2022.

A copy of CDM Smith's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: https://sawpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/041723_2022-2023-RBMP-Update.pdf.

2. RWQM Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

No update.

3. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

4. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled as a joint RWQM / MSAR TMDL Task Force meeting and is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

5. Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.