

## MEETING NOTES

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

May 6, 2024

### PARTICIPANTS

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Nicole Greenwood, City of Riverside	

### 1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Rick Whetsel at SAWPA with all participants participating remotely.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Notes from the March 18, 2024 MSAR Task Force Meeting

The March 18, 2024 meeting notes were approved as posted.

### Regional Water Quality Monitoring Meeting Items:

#### 1. Update: 2023-24 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring (Rebecca Dunavant/CDM Smith)

Becky Dunavant, CDM Smith presented an overview of the 2023-24 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program results. This included a review of bacteria monitoring results for each priority group, an overview of compliance for each priority group and the wet weather sampling results (Priority 2 sites).

Steve Wolosoff, GEI Consultants then presented on recommendations and next steps. This included proposed recommendations for 2024-2025, and updates to the monitoring plan and QAPP.

A copy of the Draft annual 2023-24 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program Report was distributed to stakeholders on April 30, 2024.

The final annual 2023-24 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program Report is due to Regional Board by June 30, 2024.

As a reminder to stakeholders the primary MS4 permit holders are required to submit self-certification Letter to accompany the Final Report to be submitted to Regional Board by June 30, 2024.

A copy of CDM Smith's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/20240506-SAR-Regional-Monitoring-Program-CDM.pdf>

**2. RWQM Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)**

No items relating to Task Force administration were discussed.

**MSAR TMDL Meeting Items:**

**1. Update: Limited MSAR Basin Plan Amendment (Tess Dunham /KSC and Richard Meyerhoff & Steven Wolosoff/GEI)**

Tess Dunham provided a brief update on the Limited MSAR Basin Plan Amendment informing the Task Force that the consulting team has had some preliminary discussions with Regional Board staff regarding justification for the time schedule, as well as the technical TMDL report.

Terri Reeder, Santa Ana Regional Board staff informed the Task Force that staff will submit comments to the consulting team by the end of the week.

Once the Task Force consulting team receives comments from Regional Board staff they will work to address these comments and get a revised draft report out to stakeholders for review and comment.

**2. Discussion: Task Force Comments to MS4 Tentative Order (Tess Dunham /KSC)**

Tess Dunham presented slides on the MS4 Tentative Order to highlight suggested comments from the Task Force to Regional Board.

Comments on Tentative Order are due to Regional Board by July 3, 2024. The MSAR TMDL Task Force submitted comments on Staff Working Proposal in April 2022.

Tess will be preparing a draft comment letter on the MS4 Tentative Order for review by the MSAR TMDL Task Force by June 3<sup>rd</sup> for review and discussion at the June 25, 2024 Task Force meeting for submittal to Regional Board by the July 3, 2024 deadline.

A copy of Tess Dunham's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/20240506-MSAR-Basin-Plan-Amendment-KSC-GEI-Presentation.pdf>

**3. Status Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities**

a) RCFC&WCD

Aldo Licitra reported to the Task Force that the District is in discussion with Jurupa Valley CSD and Western MWD regarding low flow diversion project and progressing with the City of Riverside on the conceptual design phase of their investigation of the Magnolia Center Storm Drain.

b) SBCFCD

Chris Bland had no updates to report at this time. The District is focused on the Tentative Draft Order at this time and is preparing to start sampling at the end of July.

c) Orange County

No update.

d) City of Claremont

Kimberly Colbert informed the Task Force that the City has been in conversation with Regional Board staff regarding a proposed audit of the Cities of Claremont and Pomona. Regional Board staff is interested in the Cities discharges to the Middle Santa Ana River and has scheduled a field reconnaissance with the Cities on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

- e) City of Pomona  
Julie Carver echoed the comments by the City of Claremont.
- f) Agricultural Operators  
No update.

**3. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)**

No items relating to Task Force administration were discussed.

**4. Other Business**

No Other Business was discussed

**5. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting is proposed as a MSAR TMDL Task Force meeting and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

**6. Adjourn**

There being no further business for review, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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