

MEETING NOTES

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force July 24, 2024

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Chino Basin Water Master, Justin Nakano
City of Beaumont, Kevin Lee
City of Beaumont, Thaxton Van Belle
City of Corona, Melissa Estrada
City of Redlands, Karla Siordia
City of Redlands, Kimberly Tra
City of Rialto, Toyasha Sebbag
City of Riverside (RPU), Drew Faherty
City of Riverside (RPU), Farid Ishak Boushaki
Eastern Municipal WD, Doug Edwards
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter

Inland Empire Utilities Agency, John Russ
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Daisy Puga
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Pietro Cambiaso
Jurupa Community Services District, Bryan Smith
Orange County Water District, Kevin O'Toole
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Adekunle Ojo
SBMWD/RIX/JPA, Jennifer Shepardson
WMWD/WRCRWA, Jennifer McMullin
WMWD/WRCRWA, Mallory O'Conor
WMWD/WRCRWA, Melissa Matlock
WMWD/WRCRWA, Lyndy Lewis

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kahn, Soares, & Conway (KSC), Theresa (Tess) Dunham
Rubidoux Community Services, Brian Laddusaw
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Gil Botello
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, T. Milford Harrison
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Ian Achimore
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Rachel Gray
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Rick Whetsel

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Haley Gohari
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Natalia Gonzalez
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Jagroop Khela
West Yost, Samantha Adams
WSC, Michael Cruikshank

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
City of Banning
Irvine Ranch Water District

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Temescal Valley Water District
Yucaipa Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m. in a virtual Zoom meeting.

Approval of May 29, 2024 Meeting Notes

The May 29, 2024 meeting notes were approved as posted.

Long Term Deliverables Spreadsheet Overview and Upcoming Budget Planning for FYE 2026/FYE 2027 – Ian Achimore, SAWPA

Ian Achimore, of SAWPA, provided an update on the Long Term Deliverables handout that shows Task Force deliverables that are due from now through Fiscal Year 2028-29. The Task Force has been working on the Annual Report and the Special Study of Reach 3 TDS as draft form since December 2023. Chapter 4 and 5 Basin Plan Amendments will be submitted to the Regional Board by the end of 2024. It's anticipated that the adoption of the budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2025-26 and FYE 2026-27 will be an agenda item at the December 2024 meeting. The budgets reflect the task force's estimated costs and have the invoice amounts for each of the task force members.

Upcoming Scopes to Review – Ian Achimore, SAWPA

Mr. Achimore, of SAWPA, mentioned two items that will be up for review by the Scoping Committee. Both scopes of work for (1) Reach 3 Special Study and (2) Groundwater Related items (Data Collection and Analysis of Storage Models) are set for completing in the 3rd Quarter of 2024 and will then be presented and discussed with the Task Force prior to a consultant being brought on board.

2023 Santa Ana River Annual Report Update – Rick Whetsel, SAWPA

Rick Whetsel, of SAWPA, provided a verbal report regarding data and collection analysis for the Draft 2023 Annual Report of Santa Ana River Water Quality. Since this is the first draft report that includes a new Santa Ana River Reach 3 base flow condition definition (that is included in the draft Chapter 4 Basin Plan Amendment), Mr. Whetsel provided a comparison of the existing and new base flow condition definitions, and provided comments on the nuances of the calculated Santa Ana River water quality data when both different definitions are used. The draft report will be sent for review to Ms. Tess Dunham of Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP (KSC), and then will be distributed to the Task Force stakeholders for review and comment.

Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) Draft Manuscript Update – Rachel Gray, SAWPA
Rachel Gray, of SAWPA, shared that there is no update to provide at this time.

Update – Tess Dunham, KSC

Tess Dunham, of KSC, provided brief verbal updates. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has announced that they are planning to consider a San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan Amendment in September 2024 that includes language regarding biological objectives, mentioned at a previous Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting.

Ms. Dunham stated a review and summary of work completed so far on Chapter 4 and 5 Basin Plan Amendment is planned for an upcoming meeting for discussion amongst stakeholders.

Doodle Poll for Next Meeting – Ian Achimore, SAWPA

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting will be scheduled via Doodle poll for August/September 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 01:34 p.m.