

## MEETING NOTES

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# Middle Santa Ana River TMDL Task Force

June 25, 2024

### PARTICIPANTS

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### 1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Rick Whetsel at SAWPA with all participants participating remotely.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Notes from the May 6, 2024 MSAR Task Force Meeting

The May 6, 2024 meeting notes were approved as posted.

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

Tess Dunham introduced Richard Meyerhoff to provide an update on the limited Basin Plan amendment proposed for the MSAR TMDLs. He reminded stakeholders that the primary focus of the proposed revisions to the MSAR technical report was on extending the compliance schedule for the wet weather TMDL for an additional 20 years. Over the past year the consulting team has had a number of meetings with Regional Board and EPA staff to discuss questions as to why the Task Force was requesting a 20 year extension to the TMDLs compliance date.

The consulting team is currently reviewing and evaluating comments from Regional Board staff and is planning to meet with Regional Board staff prior to bringing a updated TMDL Technical report back to the stakeholders for review.

Moving forward, the plan is to bring back to the Task Force at our next meeting a discussion on next steps toward a final TMDL Technical report, but also to discuss any substantive changes to the report.

### 4. Discussion: Task Force Comments to MS4 Tentative Permit (Tess Dunham /KSC)

Tess Dunham informed the Task Force that she has not yet completed the draft comment letter and intends to get out a draft letter in the next day or two for stakeholder to review and comment.

Tess stated that this draft comment letter she is preparing on Appendix 11 of the MS4 Tentative Order, which discusses the incorporation of the MSAR TMDLs into the permit, will not be significantly

different than the comment letter that was submitted by the Task Force on the Staff Working Proposal back on April 2022, as not a lot has changed with respect to this item.

SAWPA staff will distribute this draft as soon as it becomes available, in preparation of submitting a formal final comment letter to the Regional Board by the July 3, 2024 deadline.

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

a) RCFC&WCD

Ryan Kearns reported to the Task Force that the District and City of Riverside are working to review and finalize the 30% design plans for the Magnolia Center Storm Drain project.

The project is intended to help improve water quality by diverting the Magnolia Center Storm Drain to the City's Regional Water Quality Control Plant.

b) SBCFCD

Arlene Chun had no updates to report at this time.

c) Orange County

No update.

d) City of Claremont

Kimberly Colbert informed the Task Force that Santa Ana Regional Board staff visited the City of Pomona on June 13<sup>th</sup> to perform a walk through to familiarize themselves with the City's outfalls.

e) City of Pomona

Anthony Ortega confirmed the visit, stated that it went well and that Regional Board staff informed the City that they would follow-up with any additional questions.

f) Agricultural Operators

Pat Boldt had no updates to report at this time.

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

Rick Whetsel reminded the stakeholders that the Final 2023-24 Santa Ana River Regional Bacteria Monitoring Program Annual Report is due to be submitted to the Regional Board by June 30, 2024, along with self-certification letters to be submitted by the primary MS4 permit holders.

Rick informed stakeholders that CDM Smith is planning to deliver the final report on Friday and requested from Regional Board staff if the final report could be submitted on Monday, since June 30<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday.

Regional Board staff confirmed that because June 30<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday that the report can be submitted on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was requested if SAWPA could provide a template of the self-certification letter. Staff agreed.

**7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**8. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting is proposed as a MSAR TMDL Task Force meeting and is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business for review, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.