

MEETING NOTES

Middle Santa Ana River TMDL Task Force

January 29, 2025

PARTICIPANTS

Abigail Gomez, City of Jurupa Valley	Nicole Greenwood, City of Riverside
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Julie Carver, City of Pomona	T. Milford Harrison, SAWPA
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Kimberly Colbert, Colbert Environmental Group (representing the City of Claremont)	Rachel Gray, SAWPA
Kris Hanson, City of Eastvale	Zyanya Ramirez, SAWPA
Lauren Briggs, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Rick Whetsel, SAWPA
Mike Roberts, City of Riverside	

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Rachel Gray at SAWPA with all participants participating remotely.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes from the December 9, 2024 MSAR Task Force Meeting

It was requested by the City of Claremont that discussion reflecting their question of a Time Schedule Order (TSO) for additional time to review and comment on the draft staff working proposal for the Claremont and Pomona bacteria permit be added to the December 9, 2024 meeting notes.

This was followed by additional discussion regarding comments to the draft staff working proposal for the Claremont and Pomona Bacteria Permit.

Kimberly Colbert, representing the City of Claremont informed the MSAR TMDL Task Force that the cities of Pomona and Claremont received a draft staff working proposal for their permit from the Santa Ana Water Board. This working proposal is specific only to the Middle Santa Ana River TMDLs and is scheduled to be adopted in advance of the Santa Ana Regional Permit.

Tess Dunham stated that this raised concerns, as the cities of Pomona and Claremont are long standing members of the MSAR Task Force and that the permit requirements should be applied with consistency across Task Force agencies. She stated that many of the comments with regard to the Middle Santa Ana River TMDL included in the draft language discussed by the Cities of Pomona and Claremont are similar to those of the Task Force.

Tess recommended that to ensure consistency with all aspects relating to how the MSAR TMDLs are incorporated into these permits, including the TSO, that adoption the Claremont and Pomona Bacteria Permits should follow the adoption of the Regional NPDES Permit, and that Regional Board staff delay any movement specific to the Claremont and Pomona Bacteria Permits until such time that the Santa Ana Regional NPDES Permit is adopted.

Tess is working to prepare a draft comment letter from the Middle Santa Ana River Task Force to submit to the Regional Board similar to the one that we had done on the Regional Permit, with comments due to Regional Board by February 12th.

- 3. Update: Limited MSAR Basin Plan Amendment** (Tess Dunham /KSC and Steven Wolosoff/GEI)
Tess Dunham introduced Steven Wolosoff, GEI Consultants to present an update to stakeholders on the TMDL technical report and proposed 2025 Synoptic Study.

Steven's presentation included discussion on the following:

- Proposed Revisions to the MSAR TMDLs
 - Regional Board staff to review and submit comments
- Synoptic Study 2025-2026: Bacteria Source Tracking and Pathogens
 - Study Objectives
 - CBRP - Dry Weather Approach / Implementation
 - 2025 synoptic Study – Preliminary design
 - Alternative Water Quality Criteria
 - 2026 Triennial TMDL report

A question was asked if the canine marker was specific to domestic dogs or if it also included coyotes.

Follow-up with Menu Leddy, she reported that the canine marker proposed for the study is specific to domestic dogs.

Next steps include continuing efforts on the MSAR TMDL limited Basin Plan Amendment and to Review proposal for 2025 Synoptic Study and 2026 Triennial TMDL Report at our next Task Force meeting.

A copy of the presentation provided by Steven Wolosoff is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/20250129-MSAR-TMDL-Synoptic-Study-GEI-EEES.pdf>

- 4. Status Update: Bacteria Reduction Implementation Activities**

Due to time concerns this item was tabled.

- 5. TMDL Task Force Administration** (SAWPA Staff)

No Task Force Administration was discussed.

- 6. Other Business**

No other Business was discussed.

- 7. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting is proposed as a MSAR TMDL Task Force meeting and is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

- 8. Adjourn**

There being no further business for review, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.