

MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting Notes

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REPRESENTING

City of Corona
City of Eastvale
City of Eastvale
City of Rialto
City of Riverside
City of Riverside
CSU Fullerton
GEI Consultants
Inland Empire Waterkeeper
Risk Sciences
Riverside and Lands Conservancy
Riverside and Lands
Riverside RWQCP
Riverside County Flood Control
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San Bernardino County
San Bernardino Areawide Program
SAWPA
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VIA-CONFERENCE CALL

Steven Wolosoff
Pat Boldt
Amanda Grey
Kimberly Colbert
Scott Bruckner
Bobby Gustafson Riverside

CDM Smith
WRCAC
UC Riverside
The Colbert Group for the City of Claremont
Riverside County Executive Office
RWQCP

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Rick Whetsel at Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District headquarters. Brief introductions were made by the attendees.

2. Approval of the Meeting Notes

Rick Whetsel asked for any comments on the January 9, 2019 MSAR TMDL meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting notes were deemed acceptable.

3. Presentation: Solving Homelessness in the Santa Ana River Watershed (Megan Brousseau/Inland Empire Waterkeeper)

Megan Brousseau /Inland Empire Waterkeeper presented on their effort working in conjunction with the Rivers & Lands Conservancy titled the Clean Camp Coalition. This effort to examine homelessness in the Santa Ana River Watershed includes the following:

- Mapping of Encampments
- Water Quality Testing
- Outreach to camps to inform about the program
- Trash Collection
- Trash Data Collection (RAPID)

- Resource providers outreach to the individuals in the camps to offer services including housing

Ms. Brousseau noted during her presentation that they have mapped approximately 250 encampments (of 2-4 individuals per) along the main-stem of the Santa Ana River above Prado Dam.

Dr. Phillip Gedalanga, Cal State Fullerton followed with a presentation on the preliminary results of microbial source tracking conducted as part of the Clean Camp Coalition effort in the Santa Ana River to determine "hotspots" of fecal contamination. This included monitoring at the following sampling locations:

- Agua Mansa
- Martha McLean Anza Narrows Park
- Van Buren Bridge
- Paradise Knolls

Ms. Brousseau noted that this effort is to continue into the summer, and that they would like to continue it longer if additional sources of funding can be secured.

4. Update: SAWPA Assessment of Impacts of Homelessness on Water Quality in the Santa Ana River (SAWPA Staff)

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA provide a brief update on the proposed Assessment of Impacts of Homelessness on Water Quality in the Santa Ana River by SAWPA. On February 4th, the SAWPA Board approved a recommendation to hire GEI Consultants with Richard Meyerhoff as the project lead to implement the project. It is anticipated that the project will begin in the summer with funding from the Prop 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program administered by SAWPA.

5. Discussion: Synoptic Watershed Study (Risk Sciences)

Action Item: Approve Risk Sciences Scope of Work and authorize SAWPA to issue RFP

Tim Moore / Risk Sciences discussed the plan to implement a new synoptic study for the watershed.

The expectation is that the study would begin with the new fiscal year in July 2019, which would require approval by the SAWPA Board in June. Therefore, we need to quickly get a RFP in place to solicit proposals.

Mr. Moore proposed that comments on the proposed scope of work be submitted no later than March 6th to allow adequate time for firms to prepare proposals for the study.

Mr. Moore also noted that we have not heard back from Regional Board regarding our request to defer the 2019 Triennial Report.

6. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

Status Update: Amendment No. 1 to MSAR Task Force Agreement

Mr. Whetsel noted the outstanding signature pages are the City of Claremont and Ag/Dairy Operators represented by the Chino Basin Ag pool.

7. Other Business

Tim Moore / Risk Sciences suggested that the Task Force prepare and submit a letter to Regional Board, with respect to the Regional Board Triennial Review Process, requesting the following to be addressed within the upcoming Triennial Review Period.

- Update the MSAR TMDL before it expires in 2020.
- Address the seven streams listed for TMDLs for 2019 and an additional six more for 2020.

8. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is a MSAR TMDL Task Force and is tentatively scheduled for April 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at SAWPA.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.