

**LAKE ELSINORE/CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE
MEETING NOTES**

March 19, 2019

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Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mark Norton at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, Riverside, California.

Meeting Notes

Lynn Merrill representing the City of San Jacinto requested that he be added to the participants list for the February 21, 2019 LE/CL TMDL Task Force, otherwise the meeting notes were deemed acceptable.

Update: Basin Plan Amendment to Update and Revise TMDLs (Regional Board)

Ken Theisen /Santa Ana Regional Board announced the May 3rd Public Workshop to be held at the City of Loma Linda to discuss the consideration of the Regional Board to accept the revised LE&CL nutrient TMDLs.

If there aren't significant comments to the revised LE&CL TMDLs, the Regional Board may consider going straight to a public hearing possibly in August or September.

Mr. Theisen is currently working on a request for Peer Review. This will include review of the Resolution, Basin Plan Amendment, and draft Technical Report. It is proposed the 2004 TMDL will not be reviewed as part of this process.

Mr. Theisen has also reached out to Diane Fleck / EPA for feedback on the revised LE&CL TMDL draft Technical Report, though no comments have been received at this time.

Tim Moore requested that Mr. Theisen let he and CDM Smith know if they are needed to present at the May Public Workshop.

Update: Post Fire Monitoring (Regional Board)

Cleanup and Abatement Funding

Ken Theisen /Santa Ana Regional Board informed stakeholders of their effort to assist the City of Lake Elsinore in preparing an application for Cleanup and Abatement funds to address a sediment and debris plume that has formed at the mouth of Leach Canyon Channel in Lake Elsinore. Based upon the request, the State Board has approved \$41,800 to implement a scope of work prepared by Wood Environmental that will include water chemistry, sediment analysis, algae speciation, and toxicity sampling, as well as, 10 sediment cores to determine the extent of the plume.

The next step is for the City of Lake Elsinore's City Council to approve the scope of work, scheduled for the April 9th meeting.

Mr. Theisen noted that the City of Lake Elsinore should receive a significant nutrient credit for the removal of dead carp (estimated 150 tons) from the winter (December –January fish kill).

Additionally, it was noted RCFC&WCD should receive a significant nutrient credit from the removal of sediment and debris from their control basins located downstream of the burned areas. RCFC&WCD is currently in the process of determining the amount of sediment stopped from reaching Lake Elsinore.

Discussion: Meet with Tess Dunham (Risk Sciences)

Tim Moore /Risk Sciences discussed his succession plan with stakeholders. His recommendation was to bring Tess Dunham /Somach Simmons & Dunn on as his successor and for she and he to overlap their services to the LE&CL TMDL Task Force for one year.

Following a lengthy discussion of her qualifications and questions by stakeholders, Mark Norton /LESJWA recommended that the Task Force invite her to lunch, prior to our next meeting to interview her.

Discussion: TMDL Compliance Accounting (Risk Sciences)

Tim Moore /Risk Sciences shared a handout with stakeholders summarizing the nutrient offset credits associated with the Canyon Lake Alum Project as part of an effort to initiate standardized nutrient offset credit reporting for TMDL Compliance.

The goal moving forward is to translate this data into tables and charts that would be part of a dashboard to show a continuously rolling graphic of annual nutrient offset credit accounting for each stakeholder.

Mr. Moore informed stakeholders that he plans to get a summary of the nutrient offset credits associated with LEAMS out to stakeholders to review by April 5th.

Stakeholders requested a copy of the 2017 LEAMS Accounting Report. Rick Whetsel will email out copies to the Task Force.

Discussion: Canyon Lake Alum Project

Alum Application Scheduled week of March 25th (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA reported that due to the rains forecasted through the end of March the alum application planned for the week of March 25th has been postponed.

We are currently looking at the week of April 15th to apply alum to Canyon Lake.

Tim Moore recommended dosage for the East Bay be increased to 40 mg/L.

Permit Requirements for Alum additions to Canyon Lake (Risk Sciences)

Nothing new to report.

Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

Draft FY 2019-20 Task Force Budget

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA presented to stakeholders the latest version of the draft FY 2019-20 LE&CL TMDL Task Force budget.

Following discussion stakeholders requested additional time to review the draft FY 2019-20 budget. It will be brought back to the next scheduled meeting for approval.

Amendment No. 1 to Task Force Agreement

Outstanding signature pages include:

- City of Menifee
- CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Other Business

No Other Business was discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE&CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.