

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

October 23, 2019

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Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Mark Norton at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

Meeting Notes

Approval of the Meeting Notes from the September 25, 2019 Task Force meeting were deemed acceptable.

Status of BPA to Revise the TMDL (Regional Board)

Status of Peer Review Reports

Barbara Berry / Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board provided an update on the Regional Board activities related to the LE&CL TMDL update. Regional Board has received a draft of the peer review comments and is working to finalize the document in the next few days. When the peer review comments are finalized Regional board will share with the Task Force.

Status of "offsets" language in Draft Resolution

No update at this time.

Revised Schedule for Adoption Hearing

Barbara Berry / Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board noted no date has been established, but it is not expected to occur until 2020.

Tim Moore /Rick Sciences expressed the concern of the Task Force that the TMDL Compliance Deadline is December 2020 and to get this TMDL through the entire process including EPA within a year will be difficult.

Mark Norton /LESJWA reminded Regional Board Staff that the LE&CL TMDL Task Force has resources available to support Regional Board in this process.

Action Item: RFP for Future TMDL Compliance Monitoring (LESJWA Staff)

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA informed stakeholders of the need to issue an RFP for TMDL Compliance Monitoring beginning in FY 2010-21. He noted that the contract agreement with current consultant, Wood Environmental, which included an initial three-year term and two-year extension, is set to expire on June 30, 2020.

Mr. Whetsel requested approval from the Task Force for LESJWA staff with the support of regulatory compliance experts, Tim Moore and Tess Dunham to proceed with the preparation of an RFP for review and approval by the Task Force. Following a brief discussion, a motion was put forward by Lynn Merrill representing the City of San Jacinto and seconded by Rita Thompson representing the City of Lake Elsinore. The motion was unanimously approved by the Task Force.

Presentation: Holy Fire Monitoring Effort (Rebekah Guill/RCFC&WCD)

Rebekah Guill /RCFC&WCD and Garth Engelhorn /Alta Environmental presented to stakeholders on the 2018 Holy Fire Post-Fire Stormwater Monitoring.

This was followed by Melissa Varela / RCFC&WCD presenting to stakeholders on the District's Post-fire Sediment Removal and Nutrient Load Reduction Study.

A copy of the RCFC&WCD presentations is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.org/task-forces/lake-elsinore-and-canyon-lake-tmdl-task-force/#stakeholder-effort>

Presentation: Water Quality Index for Ag Operators in the San Jacinto Watershed (Pat Boldt/WRCAC)

Pat Boldt /WRCAC introduced Jim Klang / TBL Consultants to present on the Surface Water Compliance Metric Toolkit, Water Quality Index Ag developed to support Ag operators in the implementation of the San Jacinto Conditional Waiver for Agricultural Discharges (CWAD).

A copy of the WRCAC presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.org/task-forces/lake-elsinore-and-canyon-lake-tmdl-task-force/#stakeholder-effort>

Update: Canyon Lake Alum

Update on Proposed October Application (Week of October 21-25)

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA updated stakeholders on the alum application currently in process at Canyon Lake.

To date no issues with the application have been reported. It is anticipated that the application will be completed on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

Action Item: RFP for Future Alum Applications

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA informed stakeholders of the need to issue an RFP for Canyon Lake alum additions beginning in January 1, 2020. He noted that the contract agreement with current consultant Aquatechnex, which included an initial three-year term, is set to expire on December 31, 2019.

Mr. Whetsel requested approval from the Task Force for LESJWA staff with the support of regulatory compliance experts, Tim Moore and Tess Dunham to proceed with the preparation of an RFP for review and approval by the Task Force. Following a brief discussion, a motion was put forward by Lynn Merrill representing the City of San Jacinto and seconded by Cynthia Gabaldon representing the City of Perris. The motion was unanimously approved by the Task Force.

Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)

Future Item: Draft FY 2020-21 Budget

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA informed stakeholders that LESJWA staff with the support of regulatory compliance experts, Tim Moore and Tess Dunham will prepare a draft FY 2020-21 LE&CL TMDL Task Force budget for stakeholders for our next meeting scheduled in November.

Other Business

John Rudolph /Wood Environmental provided an update to stakeholders on the Lake Elsinore Fishery management activities. This included 1) an otter trawl consisting of a large fish net that is dragged behind a boat along the lake bottom, 2) purse seine consisting of a large wall of netting deployed in a circle around an entire area, and 3) the last two beach seining events consisting of a large wall of netting deployed in a half circle around an area of shoreline.

Mr. Rudolph noted through the completion of their fish survey, they have netted approximately 6,000 fish including 12 to 15 fish species. This included over 3,000 silver sided minnows, approximately 2,000 mosquito fish, as well as 272 carp, 88 bluegill, 3 catfish, 3 largemouth bass and only 1 shad.

Wood Environmental has planned for an additional phytoplankton and zooplankton event for next February or March and expects to issue their final report in June 2020.

Mark Norton /LESJWA requested on behalf of the LESJWA Board information relating to the fish tissue analysis and concerns/restrictions regarding fish consumption. Mr. Rudolph noted that the fish tissue analysis is months away.

Mark Norton /LESJWA also informed stakeholders of two additional items:

- EVMWD recently completed the Agricultural Pipeline that will convey recycled water to Lake Elsinore that previously released into Wasson Sill and then directed into Lake Elsinore. The new underground pipeline will reduce maintenance costs for the District and the loss of water due to evaporation.
- The next LESJWA Water Summit is scheduled for April 29, 2020 and will be held at the newly completed Lake Elsinore Launch Pointe Community Hall.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next LE&CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.