

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

**November 12, 2019**

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Risk Sciences  
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The Kahlen Group  
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**VIA-CONFERENCE CALL**

Steven Wolosoff  
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Pat Boldt  
Chris Stransky  
Al Javier  
Joyce Goode

CDM Smith  
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**Call to Order & Introductions**

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.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 October 23, 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 Board announced that the Regional Board is looking for feedback on the Peer Review comments that were released last week.

Tim Moore/Risk Sciences informed the Regional Board and the Task Force that he expects it will take up to six (6) weeks for the consultant team to prepare a formal detailed response to the Peer Review comments (assuming that there is no need to re-run the models). Key issues that the consulting team will be looking to respond include:

- The use of models for the TMDLs
- Modeling of TN and TP
- Explain that the data used to estimate the Reference Condition were sufficient/appropriate
- Explain how the recommended load reductions will bring about improvements in water quality in the lakes

- Discussion how the update considers climate change

Mr. Moore clarified that the goal of the consultant team will be to address technical questions, especially with respect to the models. He is not planning to take-on questions relating to policy and economics.

The goal is to get out a draft response before Christmas and a final set of comments to Regional Board by the end of January 2020.

#### Status of "offsets" language in Draft Resolution

Barbara Berry/Santa Ana Regional Board informed the Task Force that the Regional Board intends to continue to support nutrient offset projects as part of the LE/CL TMDLs but is not prepared to formally respond at this time.

#### Revised Schedule for Adoption Hearing

Barbara Berry/Santa Ana Regional Board informed the Task Force that no date has been set, but the Adoption Hearing will most likely not occur until mid-summer 2020.

A question was raised if there is a need for the Task Force, we'll need to update CEQA. Mr. Moore informed the Task Force that a Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) was submitted as part of the TMDL Update and that no material changes are expected to be made to that document as part of the process to update the LE/CL TMDLs.

#### **Update: Estimation of Lake Elsinore Carp Population (Wood Environmental)**

John Rudolph/Wood Environmental provided a presentation to stakeholders to update the Lake Elsinore Fishery Management Program. This presentation included details on the fish survey, as well as a project schedule, which is anticipated to be completed in June 2020.

A copy of the Wood Environmental 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>

Also discussed is the need for additional fish (specifically Bass and Catfish) to be collected to support the fish tissue analysis. Wood is planning to a targeted operation to collect these additional fish.

Additionally, to address a question posed by the Peer Review regarding the impacts of Bioturbation in-lake water quality, Mr. Moore requested that Wood Environmental investigate to estimate these impacts.

#### **Action Item: Recommend approval of two-year extension to Aquatechnex for Canyon Lake Alum Application (LESJWA Staff)**

Rick Whetsel/SAWPA informed the Task Force with regard to the Canyon Lake Alum Application Program the Task Force has the option to extend the current Agreement and Task Order with Aquatechnex for two (2) additional years.

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)**

##### Draft FY 2020-21 Budget

Rick Whetsel/SAWPA presented a draft LE/CL TMDL Task Force budget. The budget included a number of new items related to the TMDL approval process, as well as TMDL reporting and modeling.

Mr. Whetsel noted that this draft budget does not include updated MS4 credits for on-site BMPs related to the calculation of nutrient offset credits for LEAMS or Alum. He requested the stakeholders review and submit comments on the draft budget, with the expectation that it will be discussed at the next meeting in January.

#### **Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**Schedule Next Meeting**

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at SAWPA.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.