

MSAR TMDL Task Force Meeting Notes

November 19, 2019

PARTICIPANTS

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REPRESENTING

CDM Smith
City of Chino Hills
City of Corona
City of Eastvale
City of Rialto
City of Riverside
City of Riverside
EEES
GEI Consultants
Risk Sciences
Riverside County Flood Control
San Bernardino Areawide Program
San Bernardino County
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
SAWPA
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VIA-CONFERENCE CALL

Pat Boldt
Megan Brousseau
Tess Dunham

Milk Producer's Council
Inland Empire Waterkeeper
Somach Simmons & Dunn

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The MSAR TMDL/Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force Meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Rick Whetsel at SAWPA. Brief introductions were made by the attendees.

2. Approval of the Meeting Notes

Rick Whetsel asked for any comments on the October 22, 2019 MSAR TMDL meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting notes were deemed acceptable.

3. Presentation/Discussion: Synoptic Watershed Study (Richard Meyerhoff/GEI Consultants, Steve Wolosoff/CDM Smith and Menu Leddy/EEES)

Richard Meyerhoff/GEI Consultants provided an update to stakeholders on the status of the Synoptic Watershed Study, based on the draft report distributed to stakeholders on Monday, November 18th.

Steve Wolosoff/CDM Smith followed with a presentation to the stakeholders on the update of their efforts to map hydrologically connected and disconnected areas related to the watershed monitoring.

Menu Leddy/Essential Environmental & Engineering Systems followed with a discussion of the bacteroides results.

Steve Wolosoff/CDM Smith presented to the stakeholders a look at the preliminary prioritization analysis and an approximation of human fecal contamination.

Mr. Meyerhoff requested comments on the current draft by December 6, 2019. A draft final report will be distributed to the Task Force early January for discussion and to address any final comments prior to submittal of Triennial Report to the Santa Ana Water Board by February 15, 2019.

A copy of the consultants presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.org/task-forces/MSAR TMDL...>

4. Update: Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan Implementation Activities

RCFC&WCD

Abigail Suter informed stakeholders of the County’s efforts working with the City of Riverside on the Phoenix Storm Drain Project, which is at 90% design and expected to break-ground in 2020. Additionally, water quality monitoring associated with the JCSD Eastvale Lines D and E diversions to sewer project is complete.

SBCFCD

Arlene Chun informed stakeholders that the County is still in the planning stages for the project in Chris Basin. The County is currently working on the CEQA for the project.

Pomona & Claremont

It was noted that the results of the synoptic study showed that the City of Claremont is hydrologically disconnected from the Santa Ana River, with respect to the dry weather TMDL.

Agricultural Operators

No additional update for this meeting.

5. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)

Draft FY 2020-21 Budget

Rick Whetsel/SAWPA presented a draft FY 2020-21 MSAR TMDL Task Force budget for stakeholders. This budget was distributed for review and approval by email on Thursday November 21st.

Tim Moore/Risk Sciences informed stakeholders that the University of California, Riverside Office of Planning Budget and Administration has approved FY 2019-2020 participation in the MSAR TMDL Task Force Bacteria Monitoring Program (in the amount of \$21,686.00), however, our request for participation for FY 2018-2019 was not approved. Our request for FY 2018-2019 participation (in the amount of \$14,018.00) was submitted too late in the fiscal year to be included in the budget process.

Mr. Moore posed the question to stakeholders if it was the interest of the Task Force to pursue these funds from UC Riverside. A motion was put forward by Lynn Merrill/representing the City of Rialto and seconded by Arlene Chun/SBCFCD that SAWPA prepare and submit a letter to UC Riverside to request the remaining balance of the equal share contribution requested by the Task Force. The motion was approved unanimously by the Task Force.

6. Other Business

None discussed.

7. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is a MSAR TMDL Task Force and is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. at SAWPA.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.