

# MSAR TMDL/Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force Meeting Notes

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## PARTICIPANTS

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## REPRESENTING

CA State Parks  
CDM Smith  
City of Corona  
City of Eastvale  
City of Fontana  
City of Rialto  
City of Riverside  
City of Riverside  
County of Orange  
CSU Sacramento, Water Programs  
GEI Consultants  
Inland Empire Water Keeper  
Orange County Water District  
Riverside County Flood Control & WCD  
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Riverside County Flood Control & WCD  
Riverside RWQCB  
San Bernardino Areawide Program  
San Bernardino County  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Somach Simmons & Dunn  
UCR  
SAWPA  
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## VIA-CONFERENCE CALL

Pat Boldt  
James Fortuna  
Kimberly Colbert  
Bobby Gustafson  
Alonzo Barrera  
Tim Moore

Milk Producer's Council  
OC Public Works  
The Colbert Group for the City of Claremont  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Riverside County Executive Office  
Risk Sciences

### **1. Call to Order & Introductions**

The MSAR TMDL/Regional Water Quality Monitoring Task Force Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.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 November 19, 2019 MSAR TMDL meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting notes were deemed acceptable.

### **3. Presentation/Discussion: Santa Ana River Watershed Bacteria Monitoring Program (Steve Wolosoff/CDM Smith)**

Steve Wolosoff /CDM Smith presented to stakeholders an update on the 2020 Santa Ana River Watershed Bacteria Monitoring Program.

In his presentation, Steve noted that the 2019 cool/wet Season Monitoring is complete. The team is still waiting to conduct a wet weather event for the MSAR TMDL component of the monitoring.

CDM Smith is currently working on the draft annual report due to regional Board by the end of April. It appears there are no issues with the revised Regional Bacteria Monitoring program Monitoring Plan and QAPP; however, Regional Board is still working on their letter to approve the revisions. When that letter is available, staff will share with the Task Force.

A copy of CDM Smith's presentation is available on the SAWPA website under Agendas and Meeting Materials: <https://sawpa.org/task-forces/middle-santa-ana-river-watershed-tmdl-task-force/#stakeholder-effortb8a6-4b67>

#### **4. Presentation/Discussion: Synoptic Watershed Study (Richard Meyerhoff/GEI Consultants, and Steve Wolosoff/CDM Smith)**

Richard Meyerhoff/GEI Consultants provided a presentation to stakeholders on the key findings of the Synoptic Watershed Study.

Richard requested comments by January 27<sup>th</sup> and plans to distribute the final report to stakeholders by February 10<sup>th</sup> for submittal to Regional Board by the deadline on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Tess Dunham recommended that the next steps, following the release of the final report, will be for her to meet with key stakeholders and Regional Board staff to develop a proposed strategy for revising the MSAR TMDLs.

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#### **5. Update: Comprehensive Bacteria Reduction Plan Implementation Activities**

##### RCFC&WCD

Richard Boon reported that as an outcome of the Synoptic Study, the County conducted a kick-off meeting with the City of Riverside to discuss addressing the elevated human marker present at the Magnolia Center Storm Drain site.

The County will also be meeting with Jurupa Community Services District to discuss the Eastvale Lines D and E dry weather diversion project.

##### SBCFCD

Arlene Chun informed stakeholders that the County submitted an environmental permit application for the Chris Basin Project in September 2019. They just received their draft streambed alteration permit from CA Department of Fish & Wildlife, which requests monitoring. The County is currently waiting for a response from Regional Board for their 401 certification.

##### Orange County

No additional update for this meeting.

##### Pomona & Claremont

Claremont is still going through the process with other Los Angeles permittees to finalize the region-wide permit for LA County. No additional update for this meeting.

No additional update from the City of Pomona for this meeting.

##### Agricultural Operators

Pat Boldt is starting to work to identify updated land use maps for the MSAR watershed. In the past, Dairy and Agriculture made up about 6% of the watershed and she is looking to update that data.

#### **6. TMDL Task Force Administration (SAWPA Staff)**

##### ADA Requirements for Web Postings

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA introduced the requirement that all Task Force materials placed on the SAWPA website will need to be ADA compliant. It has not yet been determined what this will mean for past documents currently on the TMDL webpage. Moving forward we will include a provision in all consultant contracts that requires all final deliverables to be ADA compliant.

**7. Other Business**

No Other Business was discussed

**8. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSAR TMDL Task Force is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. at SAWPA.

**9. Adjourn**

There being no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.