

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

**December 7, 2020**

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VIA-CONFERENCE CALL

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REPRESENTATIVE

City of Canyon Lake/Wildomar  
City of Hemet  
City of Lake Elsinore  
City of Menifee  
City of Perris  
City of Perris  
City of Riverside  
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City of Lake Elsinore  
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City of San Jacinto  
City of San Jacinto  
City of Canyon Lake  
City of Moreno Valley  
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Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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Riverside County Flood Control & WCD  
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Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
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Michael Baker/Caltrans  
CA Department of Fish & Wildlife  
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CDM Smith  
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GEI Consultants  
Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP  
Wood Environmental  
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Alta Environmental  
UC Riverside  
CASC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.  
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority  
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**Call to Order & Introductions**

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Rick Whetsel with all participants participating remotely, due to COVID-19 related social distancing restrictions.

**Meeting Notes**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA asked for any comments on the September 22, 2020 LE&CL TMDL meeting notes.

- Lauma Willis /Regional Board requested that on Page 4 (Other Business) to replace Regional Board with State Water Resources Control Board is currently reviewing the LEAPS Water Quality Certification Application.
- Dan Cortese /City of Hemet requested that Joyce Goode representing the City of Hemet to be added to the list of participants.

There were no additional comments, and the meeting notes were deemed acceptable.

### **Status: TMDL Update (Regional Board)**

#### a. Timing of Response to Comments

Barbara Berry /Regional Board noted there was nothing new to report.

#### b. Nutrient Offset Credit Language

Tess Dunham /Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP informed Regional Board staff and the Task Force that she is still working on a response to the revised Regional Board nutrient offset credit language. She plans to get a draft out to the stakeholders for comment in the next couple of weeks.

#### c. Revisions Recommended by Regional Board Staff

Steve Wolosoff /CDM Smith informed the Task Force that the consulting team has submitted a proposal to Regional Board staff intended to address the recommendations by staff for additional modeling.

Barbara acknowledged that staff has received the proposal, but as staff is focusing to first provide comments on the comprehensive report, they have not yet reviewed the proposal.

Steve then followed by presenting an overview of the proposed modeling scenarios.

Following this presentation, Tess Dunham informed stakeholders that upon receiving feedback from Regional Board staff, the consultant team will bring the proposal back to the Task Force for a recommendation to proceed. This is not expected to occur until the January Task Force meeting.

Steve informed the Task Force that the cost of the current proposal is estimated \$30,000 with a plan to complete the additional modeling scenarios by April 2021.

A copy of the CDM Smith Modeling 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>

#### d. Schedule Update on Adoption Hearing Date

Barbara stated that Regional Board staff does not expect to conduct an Adoption Hearing before July 2021.

### **Discussion: 2020 TMDL Compliance Report (Tess Dunham/KSC)**

Tess Dunham /Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP informed the Task Force that the draft 2020 Compliance Assessment Report was distributed to stakeholders on Friday. She then introduced Steve Wolosoff to provide an overview of the draft 2020 Compliance Assessment Report.

Following this presentation, Tess requested comments be submitted by December 16<sup>th</sup> to allow time for the consultant team to address comments and finalize the report and submit to Regional Board by the end of the month.

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### **Discussion: Draft Request for 2020 Monitoring Reduction (Tess Dunham/KSC)**

Tess Dunham /Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP presented to the Task Force a request for a recommendation to Regional Board staff for a temporary reduction in annual TMDL compliance monitoring. The rationale for this request is based upon the economic impacts and loss of local tax revenue due to Covid-19, as well as, the potential additional modeling costs discussed earlier. Regional Board staff stated that they are open to considering a reduction in monitoring and has requested the Task Force to formally submit a letter detailing the request for staff to consider.

With that, Tess requested Wood Env. to review the monitoring program and come up with some options for the Task Force to Consider. The recommendation of the consulting team was a combination of the following options:

- Option 1 – no quarterly reporting with a cost savings of \$6,600
- Option 3 – no watershed monitoring, except at the Canyon lake spillway with a cost savings of \$34,452
- Option 4 - no satellite imagery with a cost savings of \$17,483

Following discussion, it was requested by Lynn Merrill representing the City of San Jacinto that this item be tabled until the Task Force has better information on the cost for additional modeling requested by Regional Board staff. His concern was in regard to the Task Force sacrificing the collection water quality data that would be important in the longterm evaluation of compliance.

This item will be brought back for further discussion, once there is more clarity on the cost for the additional modeling requested by Regional Board staff.

#### **Discussion: Basis for Stakeholder Cost Allocations (Steve Wolosoff /CDM Smith)**

Steven Wolosoff /CDM Smith presented to the Task Force a review of the methodology used to estimate nutrient load allocations, set baseline nutrient loading and account for changing land use and watershed BMPs for individual stakeholders.

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#### **Update: Canyon Lake Alum (LESJWA Staff)**

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA informed the Task Force that a Task Order for Aquatechnex to conduct up to two alum applications in calendar year 2021 was issued by LESJWA Staff.

#### **Task Force Administration (LESJWA Staff)**

##### Wood Env Budget Augmentation

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA presented to the Task Force a request by Wood Env. for additional funds (\$10,000) to support additional analysis for the 2020 TMDL Compliance Report.

Following discussion, a motion to approve this change order was put forward by Lynn Merrill representing the City of San Jacinto and seconded by Cynthia Gabaldon representing the City of Menifee. The motion was passed unanimously by the Task Force.

##### Outstanding FY 2020-21 Invoices

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA informed the Task Force that there are still outstanding FY 2020-21 invoices. These include the City of San Jacinto, March Air Reserve Base and CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife.

##### Draft FY 2021 – 22 Budget

Rick Whetsel /SAWPA presented the draft FY 2021-22 budget to the Task Force for discussion.

Key points of discussion included the additional TMDL modeling requested by Regional Board staff, modeling currently budgeted for 2020-21, the Task Force reserve account balance, and questions about “next steps”, considering that the end of the TMDLs, MS4 permit and the CNRP has been reached. Additionally, there are questions regarding the participation of some stakeholders in the LEAMS and Canyon Lake alum projects.

Due to these questions, it was recommended that this draft budget be brought back to the Task Force for further discussion at the next Task Force meeting scheduled for January 25, 2021.

**Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**Schedule Next Meeting**

The next LE/CL TMDL Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2021 at 1:30 pm. as a virtual conference call meeting.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.