

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

January 23, 2013

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Call to Order & Introductions

The Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Chair, Jason Uhley at Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Lake Elsinore, California.

Public Comments

The public was invited to address the Task Force on matters within its jurisdiction. There were no comments.

Approval of the Meeting Notes

The Task Force meeting notes of December 12, 2012, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Task Force Administration

Draft FY 2013-14 Task Force Budget

Rick Whetsel/SAWPA presented to the Task Force a draft budget template.

Jason Uhley/ RCFC&WCD provided an addition table showing projected costs for the task force for the next three years and requested that staff prepare a three (3) year budget projection for the task force costs including the Prop 84 grant. Mr. Whetsel will revise the budget and get a draft out to stakeholders to review prior to our next meeting.

Mark Norton brought up the issue of the long term funding of the LESJWA JPA and inquired about the task force providing support funding for the LESJWA JPA in the future. Stakeholders requested that Mark Norton provide a formal presentation on LESJWA at the next task force meeting.

Riverside County CNRP and San Jacinto AgNMP

Jason Uhley/ RCFC&WCD provided an update to the task force on the status of the Riverside County Comprehensive Nutrient Reduction Plan (CNRP). He noted that the MS4 group and their consultants are working to finalize the Canyon Lake Alum treatment project and are on schedule to submit a final draft CNRP to the Regional Board by January 31st.

Pat Boldt/ WRCAC provided a brief update to the task force on the status of the Agricultural Nutrient Management Plan, noting that the AgNMP is dependent on the completion of the MS4 CNRP.

Canyon Lake Hybrid Treatment Project

CEQA Documentation

A sub-committee of stakeholders held a meeting just prior to the task force meeting to discuss with Tom Dodson and Associates the status of the CEQA documentation for the Canyon Lake Hybrid Treatment project. This included a discussion of the draft document prepared by Tom Dodson and Associates and the schedule for project implementation.

There was also lengthy discussion regarding informing and educating the public on the use of Alum to treat the lake. Jason Uhley noted that he recently gave a presentation on the project to the Canyon Lake, Lake and Marina Committee and Catherine Wilson/ City of Canyon Lake POA informed the group that the local Canyon Lake newspaper wants to write an article on the project. LESJWA's public relations firm, O'Reilly Public Relations was recommended to help with this effort. In addition, it was requested that Tim Moore/ Risk Sciences provide copies of the various articles and reports on the use of alum to support O'Reilly Public Relations in their effort.

Toxicity Testing & Benthic Invertebrate Survey

Richard Meyerhoff/ CDM Smith provided the task force an update on the toxicity monitoring. He informed the group that sampling is to take place on February 11, 2013 and he will coordinate with Catherine Wilson on getting authorization to take a boat out to Canyon Lake. It is anticipated that the toxicity report will be completed in late March-April.

The consultants believe that they have sufficient benthic data on Canyon Lake, based upon a report shared by Jim Grimm, titled "Aquatic Macroinvertebrate Survey of Canyon Lake, Riverside County", July 2004.

Pollutant Trading Plan

Draft Plan and Deliverable to Regional Board

Tim Moore/ Risk Sciences provided a review of the efforts of the task force to address pollutant trading task of the TMDL. He discussed how traditional pollutant trading works in general and how recent lawsuits make traditional pollutant trading infeasible in the State of California.

He then discussed how pollutant trading is an obligation of the task force, and not doing a pollutant trading plan would require a Basin Plan amendment.

He discussed how pollutant trading was initially proposed by the task force as a type of placeholder option to assist stakeholders to implement indirect treatment projects (such as the aeration, alum treatment and fishery management) to address the TMDL and the task force had proposed to implement pollutant trading on a BMP project by project basis.

Pat Kilroy then raised the question, noting the language in the TMDL requiring the task force to implement a pollutant trading plan. After much discussion the issue was tabled to the next meeting and CDM Smith was requested to provide a formal presentation on how the CNRP will address pollutant trading.

Lake Elsinore Aeration O&M Agreement

Mark Norton/LESJWA informed the task force that there is a plan to hold monthly meetings among the participating stakeholders to address the Lake Elsinore aeration agreement and have a new agreement in place prior to the June 30, 2013 deadline.

TMDL Watershed Modeling Update

TMDL Compliance Tracking

There was a brief discussion on the type of modeling needed to support the stakeholders in their effort to comply with the TMDL. This item will be discussed in more detail in future meetings.

Watershed Monitoring

Nancy Gardiner/ Weston Solutions provided to the task force a brief update on the watershed monitoring effort. She informed the group that no storm events (meeting the established criteria of a 1-inch storm) have occurred this year and that she and her team are watching the weather for any upcoming events. She noted that her staff have installed the auto sampling equipment at three locations and are prepared to monitor the 4th site at Ramona Expressway if necessary.

Nancy also introduced her staff, Garth Egelhorn who will be working to support the TMDL watershed-wide monitoring effort.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is a Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1:30p.m. at EVMWD.

Adjourn

As there was no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.