# **Basin Monitoring Program Task Force**

January 5, 2017

#### ATTENDEES:

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#### Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) office located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

# Approval of November 16, 2016 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary were approved as posted.

## Southern California Coalition Study Conceptual Scope of Work - Risk Sciences

Tim Moore briefly discussed the Draft Salinity Study from the Southern California Coalition (SCSC) Study Conceptual Scope of Work (scope of work). The scope of work was well received by the SCSC and they suggested more emphasis on drought being the new norm. The most significant change in the scope of work from previous versions is that it no longer includes the policy discussion of regulatory compliance issues.

A draft report is expected to be completed by the end of July 2017; a completed final report by the end of October 2017.

## SAR WLAM Consulting Services Recommendation - SAWPA

Mark Norton provided a brief background on the RFP process that took place to select a Santa Ana River WLAM Consultant. A competitive RFP process was conducted and three proposals were submitted. Interviews were conducted of all three firms by a team of three Task Force agencies across the watershed, Regional Board staff, and SAWPA staff. Work is expected to span for a year and should be completed by end of 2017. A discussion ensued regarding the changes in the scope of work.

**MOVED** to support Geoscience as the recommended consultant to the SAWPA Commission subject to cost negotiation after the January 5, 2017 Basin Monitoring Program Task Force.

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Results: Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second: Merrill/Woodside

#### SAR Wasteload Allocation Basin Plan Amendment - Risk Sciences

Tim Moore provided a brief summary of the edits made by Regional Board to the Santa Ana River Wasteload Allocation Basin Plan Amendment regarding the nitrate-nitrogen objective for Chino South Groundwater Management Zone (Chino South Basin Plan Amendment). The amendment aims to present nitrate as a salt and described the effects to the Chino South desalter. The most noticeable pieces of the staff report will be included in the adoption resolution not the amendment. Moore added that as part of the Basin Plan Amendment a footnote will be added under the Ion objectives stating that they are only antidegredation thresholds and that exceeding them does not constitute use impairment, but constitutes an antidegredation trigger. This will prevent it from being added to a 303D listing. Also, for the purpose of regulating antidegredation, all salts will be treated as TDS. The Chino South Basin Plan Amendment is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

The second Basin Plan amendment is related to the update of the Wasteload Allocation Plan for Riverside A and is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

## **Triennial Ambient Water Quality Update**

Joe LeClaire, CDM Smith, provided a brief oral update on their data collection process for the Triennial Ambient Water Quality Update. Task 1 of the data computation is complete with the exception of the private wells. The data collection process is expected to take another month for its completion.

It was requested that this item be agenized for the next Task Force meeting.

## **Scheduled Future Meeting**

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. and the following for Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

## Adjournment

11:20 a.m.