

## Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

May 25, 2016

### ATTENDEES:

Amy Betancourt, City of Corona  
Bob Tincher, SBVMWD  
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, EVMWD  
Greg Herzog, City of Riverside PU  
Greg Woodside, OCWD  
Jack Nelson, YVWD  
Jayne Joy, EMWD  
Jeff Davis, SGPWA  
Jennifer Shepardson, SBMWD  
Jennifer Torres, City of Corona  
Jesus Gastelum, EVMWD

Keith Person, RWQCB  
Kevin King, YVWD  
Lynn Merrill, City of Rialto  
Marsha Westropp, OCWD  
Marissa Flores-Acosta, SBMWD  
Richard Lao, IRWD  
Robert Eland, City of Riverside RWQCP  
Samantha Adams, WEI  
Sudhir Mohleji, EVMWD  
Rick Whetsel, SAWPA  
Zyanya Blancas, SAWPA

### Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) office located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Brief introductions were made.

### Approval of April 18, 2016 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary was approved with modifications.

**MOVED**, to approve April 18, 2016 meeting summary with minor modifications.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**  
Motion/Second: Joy/Woodside

### Triennial Ambient Water Quality Update RFP Response Status – SAWPA & Scoping Committee

On May 19, 2016, SAWPA received proposals from Wildermuth Environmental Inc. (WE, Inc.), GeoScience Support Services Inc., and CDM Smith Inc. to produce the Triennial Ambient Water Quality Update. Interviews are scheduled for June 7, 2016 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The three members of the Interview Panel are Jayne Joy (EMWD), Marsha Westropp (OCWD), and Jennifer Shepardson (SBMWD). Going forward, it is expected that a recommendation to select one of the project consultant teams will be brought forward and approved at the June meeting and that consultant would commence work in late August.

### Draft Santa Ana River Water Quality Report - SAWPA

The Draft Santa Ana River Water Quality Report (Report) was distributed to the Task Force for comments last week. It was noted that Regional Board had not submitted their comments. SAWPA will distribute an updated draft Report after the Task Force meeting.

The Task Force was reminded that the Report is a required deliverable by the Regional Board and is used to support the 303D listing process. Mr. Moore then went on to explain the importance of revising the next Report and pointed out several items that need to change. He suggested the Report focus solely on TDS and Nitrogen objectives, as it was intended to do so, and not report data from POTW's, as this data is reported through other venues, nor should it report on other water quality objectives, such as Boron, Chloride, Chemical Oxygen Demand, Sodium, Sulfate, and Total Hardness. A concern with having all of this extraneous data is that it leaves Task Force stakeholders susceptible to unnecessary scrutiny and litigation, as was discussed by Ms. Jayne Joy /EMWD. He urged the Task Force to find supplemental samples now that data from the HCMP is not being received and recommended that a formal policy be set in place to report data.

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### **Regional Board Triennial Review List, Drought Response Policy – Risk Sciences**

Tim Moore provided a verbal update on the Drought Response Policy. Mr. Moore is waiting for comments from Regional Board. Keith Person from Regional Board stated he will take the time to review it soon and provide comments.

In March 2016, Mr. Moore submitted a formal proposal to the Southern California Salinity Coalition (SCSC) requesting their support and assistance. However, SCSC is interested in funding projects which cover their entire member agency service area, whereas, the projects proposed by the Task force only cover the Santa Ana River Watershed. Mr. Moore suggested that the SCSC may want to assist with the technical work that would support amendments to the Basin Plan. Mr. Moore noted that he has discussed this with Regional Board staff and is waiting for them to feedback on their priorities.

Additionally, it was discussed that the word “drought” be removed from the policy. It was suggested that what we need is a TDS management policy that will address not only how we look at drought but will consider all aspects of the normal hydrological cycle to develop objectives or strategies.

### **Elsinore Basin Maximum Benefit Proposal- Wildermuth Environmental & EVMWD**

Item was deferred to a future meeting.

### **SAR Wasteload Allocation Basin Plan Amendment – Risk Sciences**

Tim Moore provided a verbal update on the SAR Wasteload Allocation Basin Plan Amendment. He stated that the Chino Basin Desalter Authority is not objecting to the increase of the objective. Everything has been submitted to Regional Board. He claimed that it may require a CEQA and an economic analysis. Mr. Moore requested that Regional Board provide the Task Force with a check list of items that need to change; Keith Person said he would work on said check list.

Mr. Moore reported that we have everything needed to do the Allocation of Assimilative Capacity and the Task Force can now move forward with the Basin Plan Amendment once the Regional Board gives their go ahead.

### **Other Items.**

*US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) Regulations*

Greg Woodside, OCWD, provided a verbal update on the recent regulations set by the EPA on PFOA/PFOS in the drinking water. He stated OCWD’s water quality staff will contact the dischargers soon to test their PFOA/PFOS levels. Mr. Woodside said that the EPA is shutting down wells to prevent serving contaminated water. There have been five retail agencies where PFOA/PFOS has impacted the drinking water supply. Currently there is no EPA approved method for PFOA/PFOS. OCWD is currently only testing the SAR and investigating where the PFOA/PFOS is coming from.

### *Maximum Benefit Program*

Keith Person, Regional Board, informed the Task Force that a number of agencies submitted their reports late. He warned the Task Force that if reports continue to come in late they may be removed from the Maximum Benefit Program. He also noted that some reports are being sent straight to the Water Treatment Manager and asked that they make sure a copy is sent to him as well.

### **Scheduled Future Meeting**

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. A notice will be sent as soon as staff can confirm that at least one Regional Board member could attend the Tuesday, June 21, 2016 meeting. (Note: the next BMP TF meeting was rescheduled to July 27, 2016)

### **Adjournment**

12:02 p.m.