

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

**March 27, 2012**

**PARTICIPANTS**

Cathy Jochai  
Steven Wolosoff  
Ann Marie Rivera  
Lori Moss  
Nancy Horton  
Linda Nixon  
Pat Kilroy  
Lori Wolfe  
Kent Wegelin  
Bill Woolsey  
Mike Roberts  
Lynn Morrill  
Jayne Joy  
Ron Young  
Tim Moore  
Jason Uhley  
Mike Shetler  
Robert Vasquez  
Nancy Gardiner  
Pat Boldt  
Mark Norton  
Rick Whetsel  
Sara Villa

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Caltrans  
CDM Smith  
City of Canyon Lake  
City of Canyon Lake  
City of Canyon Lake  
City of Hemet  
City of Lake Elsinore  
City of Menifee  
City of Moreno Valley  
City of Murrieta  
City of Riverside  
City of San Jacinto  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Risk Sciences  
Riverside County Flood Control & WCD  
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Weston Solutions  
WRCAC  
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 1:39 p.m. by the Chair, Ron Young 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 February 14, 2012, were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Discussion: Nutrient TMDL Pollutant Trading Plan (Tim Moore/Risk Sciences)**

Mr. Moore provided an overview of the pollutant trading plan concept as it is to be applied to the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake nutrient TMDLS. He first noted that the Pollutant Trading Plan is something the task force had requested the Regional Board to be included as a strategy to implement the TMDLS. He then described how the various BMP implementation strategies included in the CNRP and the AGNP provide opportunities for pollutant trading among stakeholders. Mr. Moore said that the plan is to pilot the pollutant trading concept in the Lake Elsinore Aeration and Destratification O&M Agreement and turn it into a template to be applied to other projects. Discussion ensued with regard to the few entities that are part of the task force that are on their own compliance schedules and have additional permit obligations (Caltrans, Ca Dept. of Fish & Game, EMWD, and March Air Reserve Base). Mr. Moore noted that a Draft Agreement was prepared by the attorney Ronda Sandquist and that it still needs a lot of work.

Next, Mr. Moore referenced a Draft handout that EPA put out on March 22, 2012; regarding Revising and Withdrawing from TMDLS. He noted that in this document EPA is recommending that any pollutant trade would require EPA's approval; he said that it is a pre-public draft and is not ready for public comments. It was asked what the timeline is and he noted that it'll probably be finalized before the election. It was

suggested that we do everything that needs to be done to put our pollutant trading plan in place before EPA finalized this document. Ms. Moss asked how long it would take to get the pollutant trading to be approved. Mr. Norton said June 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued and Mr. Moore suggested that we take the exiting agreement and add an appendix on the credit allocations and work out the contractual details among themselves right away so that the Regional Board will approve it.

#### **Discussion: Task Force Budget Model including Draft FY 2012-13 Budget**

Mr. Whetsel provided a copy of the expanded draft budget for FY2012-13 and gave a brief breakdown of each section of the 12 page document. Ms. Horton asked about EVMWD and EMWD not being included into the HOS section of the budget, Mr. Whetsel said that they are only included into the TMDL because of contributions of recycled water to Lake Elsinore, they are not named in the Canyon Lake TMDL. It was asked if an asterisk could be included by their name with a description that they are providing the land. Mr. Young said that it does not yet need to be included because it's not a cash contribution. It was asked if San Jacinto is included and Mr. Whetsel said that Hemet and San Jacinto has been excluded due to them being above Mystic Lake in the watershed ( in zones 7 -9 of the watershed model).

It was asked that we eliminate the US Forest Service since they are not participating in the future, and that a letter be submitted to the Regional Board that the US Forest Service have withdrawn from the task force. Mr. Norton said that he would draft the letter. Ms. Jochai said that Caltrans will pay the years that they are in arrears but does not know for future if they will continue to be a part of the task force. She said that the payment and letter explaining their future will be sent out in May. Mr. Wegelin had some concern on the second page of the budget, specifically in the HOS section with the backup data. There was a motion to approve the first page of the budget for \$481,000. A second motion was made to approve the second page of the budget for \$355,588 in subject to excluding the individual contributions of the MS4 Co-Permittees.

#### **Discussion: TMDL Task Force Agreement**

Mr. Uhley suggested that we move forward with a new agreement excluding all the current Amendments, and just revising the budget cost share section. Mr. Whetsel stated that he would prepare a draft of a new agreement for the next meeting.

#### **Update: Prop 40 Grant (LESJWA) Lake Elsinore Back Basin Wetlands BMP Implementation Project**

Mr. Kilroy said that the earth work is completed and they hope to do the planting towards the end of April. It was asked if the extension was approved and Mr. Whetsel stated that he hadn't received anything back, and that he will follow up to check on the status.

#### **Other Business:**

Mr. Norton said that we should be hearing back in May on the Prop 84 Stormwater grant application. It was asked if they had finished reviewing all the applications, and it was said that they were supposed to be done by the end of March and the scores will be released mid April. It was noted that the HOS was originally disqualified and then changes were made and put back into the list.

Mr. Young recognized Bruce Scott for being awarded as the Recycled Water Customer of the Year by the WateReuse Association's California Section.

#### **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next Task Force Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Adjourn**

As there was no further business for review, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.