

Basin Monitoring Program Task Force

June 20, 2018

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:

Chino Basin Watermaster, Edgar Tellez Foster
City of Banning, Tammy [phone]
City of Corona, Jennifer McMullin
City of Rialto, Tom Crowley
City of Riverside, Bobby Gustafson [phone]
City of Riverside, Edward Filadelfia
City of Riverside, Greg Herzog
Eastern Municipal Water District, Al Javier
Eastern Municipal Water District, Doug Edwards [phone]
Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Jesus Gastelum

Elsinore Valley Municipal WD, Lenai Hunter
Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Joshua Aguilar
Orange County Water District, Greg Woodside
Orange County Water District, Marsha Westropp
RIX JPA, Marissa Flores-Acosta
San Bernardino Valley Municipal WD, Bob Tincher
WRCRWA, Mallory Gandara
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Ashley Gibson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Geoscience Support Services, Dennis Williams
Geoscience Support Services, Johnson Yeh
Geoscience Support Services, Lauren Wicks
Risk Sciences, Tim Moore
S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Bruce Whitaker

S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Mark Norton
S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Rick Whetsel
S.A. Watershed Project Authority, Zyanya Ramirez
S.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board, Cindy Li

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT:

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
City of Beaumont
City of Redlands
Irvine Ranch Water District

Jurupa Community Service District
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Temescal Valley Water District

Call to Order/Introductions

The Basin Monitoring Program Task Force (Task Force) meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of May 23, 2018 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary was approved as presented.

SAR Wasteload Allocation Model Update Status Report – Geoscience

Geoscience provided a handout of the Major Assumptions for Predictive Model Scenarios to the Task Force. Lauren Wicks stated that since its electronic distribution to the Task Force on June 1, Geoscience has made changes according to Western Municipal Water District and the City of Rialto edits; discharges directly to Temescal Wash were increased during historic periods where Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District was discharging due to higher levels. Geoscience still needs to verify the TDS/TIN concentration for the Sterling Natural Resource Center. The Task Force was asked to study their numbers. Discussion ensued

Lauren Wicks shared the table that was sent to them on June 1st with a few modifications. She stated there were some changes that back from the City of Rialto and WMWD and in addition the text for Elsinore Valley was clarified to reflect increased discharges directly to Temescal wash during historic periods where Valley or Elsinore Valley was discharging. The need to verify the TDS and TIN concentrations for the Sterling National Resource Center was also discussed. The question was asked if Valley District was the

lead agency for Sterling since there was some past thoughts that it was East Valley Water District. Based on a recent LAFCO decision, the lead agency is in fact East Valley Water District.

Cindy Li asked if the Sterling discharges to the Redlands pond or is it only surface water? Corona also has ponds but it appears all the ponds were removed for these model runs Cindy said that the ponds by the river do not affect the model. Redlands and Corona ponds should have been in the model and this still needs to be investigated. Tim Moore said we need to account for it but he suggested perhaps it's something that could be run after these model runs. Bob Tinch said that the discharge from Sterling to Redlands is a temp discharge location. East Valley would want to use them but only temporarily. But the consultant will need to confirm that with the City of Redlands.

Proposed Recycled Water Policy Amendment – Risk Sciences

Tim Moore stated that the comment deadline to the proposed recycled water policy amendment is June 26, but he wants everyone to review and comment. He stated there are new requirements that affect our Declaration of Conformance.

The task force generally indicated that they had not read it yet. Each agency was encouraged to look at it on their agency behalf and not just on behalf of the task force. Al Javier indicated that EMWD has reviewed and will be submitting comments. Mark Norton said he will send out the proposed amendment and requested that everyone provide their review comments. Mr. Moore agreed to review comments and prepare a comment letter on behalf of the task force and will submit them to SAWPA for their signature and transmittal as administrator for the task force.

Proposed revision to the Santa Ana River Reach 2 and R3 Boundary – Risk Sciences

Tim Moore stated that under the 303d listing, the reviewers seemed to be using data from Reach 3 to imply the quality represented compliance in Reach 2 as if it was one discharge. This is unintended and will need to be revised. Concerns were raised that data collected in Reach 3 were being used to regulate individual ions. In 2004 the Task Force collectively decided that for antidegradation purposes it was better to regulate salts, doing it on the basis of TDS and then we would not regulate individual ions that make up salts. The intention in 2004 was to delete those individual ion objectives. That was not done primarily because we hadn't done all the work that was needed to do it cleanly and we did not want to hold up the entire Basin Plan Amendment. The plan was to come back to them later after completing the CEQA work. Boundaries remain an issue..

Mr. Moore suggested that we hold off and talk out the following issues in the next meeting.

- Getting rid of ions
- Add table in chapter 5 to move to implementation section (San Diego did that)

Annual Santa Ana River Water Quality Report Requirements – SAWPA/Risk Sciences

The Task Force agreed to postpone implementing the comments on the Annual SAR Water Quality Report this time due to the 303d comments. Tim Moore suggested that they could be addressed at a future meeting due to the intensive amount of work that still needs to be done.

Schedule Future Meetings

The next Basin Monitoring Program Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at SAWPA.

Adjournment

2:55 p.m.