

SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN WORKGROUP

MEETING SUMMARY

COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER
5510 OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 451, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 10:00-12:00 PM

MEETING ATTENDEES

| NAMES | ORGANIZATION | VOTING MEMBER |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Cecilia Tipton (Telephone) | City of Santee | Yes |
| John Phillips | City of El Cajon | Yes |
| Joe Kuhn | City of La Mesa | Yes |
| Ruth de la Rosa | County of San Diego | Yes |
| Roya Yazdanifard | Caltrans | No |
| Sheri Dister | Weston Solutions | No |
| Olin Applegate | Larry Walker Associates | No |

AGENDA ITEM 3: OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

No items were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES – VOTING ITEM

| DESCRIPTION | APPROVAL OF SDR MEETING SUMMARY (May 9, 2018) |
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| MOTION | Motion to approve SDR Meeting Summary from May 9, 2018, as amended. |
| MOTIONED BY | John Phillips |
| SECONDED BY | Ruth de la Rosa |
| CALL FOR DISCUSSION | None |
| CALL TO VOTE | Motion Passed [4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions] |

AGENDA ITEM 5: WATER QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE

Sheri provided the following update:

- One wet weather event and five dry events were sampled for the Bacteria TMDL, exceedances are reported in **Table 1**. Although one exceedance occurred at the beach site during dry weather monitoring on May 7th, the geometric mean was not exceeded, which is the numeric target of the Bacteria TMDL.
- Sheri notes that samples from SDR-MLS had relatively high concentrations. This may be a topic of discussion for Joanna with the County regarding follow-up protocol.
- Initial fieldwork at the sites has been completed for the bioassessment.

The Bight Sediment Quality Monitoring Workplan has been finalized and sent to the Regional Water Board.

Cecilia inquired about the Forester Creek special investigation that identified a crow roost as the source of elevated bacteria concentrations, and asked if there will be an opportunity to request that the section of creek be delisted from the TMDL. Sheri responded that in order to delist, they would have to go through a natural source exclusion process, which would take more than just the single study to complete. Cecilia feels it is worth looking into the process to delist the portion of the creek. It may involve significant upfront cost, but may save time and money in the future by eliminating sampling.

Action Item:

- Ruth will discuss future special studies in the Forester Creek area with management. If appropriate, Ruth will coordinate with Sheri to prepare a talk regarding the process of TMDL delisting.

Table 1. Bacterial Exceedances at San Diego River Sampling Locations

| Site Type | Site ID | Wet Weather May 3, 2018 | Dry Weather May 7, 2018 | Dry Weather May 10, 2018 | Dry Weather May 17, 2018 | Dry Weather May 29, 2018 | Dry Weather May 31, 2018 |
|---------------------------|----------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Freshwater Creek Sites | SDR-FC1* | <i>Enterococcus</i> , fecal coliform, <i>E. coli</i> . | <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>Enterococcus</i> | None | <i>Enterococcus</i> |
| | SDR-FC2* | <i>Enterococcus</i> , fecal coliform, and <i>E. coli</i> . | <i>E. coli</i> . | <i>Enterococcus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> . | <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>Enterococcus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> . | <i>Enterococcus</i> |
| | SDR-CDE* | <i>Enterococcus</i> | None | None | None | <i>Enterococcus</i> | None |
| | SDR-MLS* | <i>Enterococcus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> . | <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>Enterococcus</i> , fecal coliform, and <i>E. coli</i> . | <i>Enterococcus</i> | <i>Enterococcus</i> , fecal coliform, and <i>E. coli</i> . |
| Beach Site | FM-010** | None | <i>Enterococcus</i> | None | None | None | None |

* Freshwater sample results for *Enterococcus* and fecal coliform were compared to Basin Plan single sample maximum REC-1 water quality objectives for freshwater designated beaches. In the Bacteria TMDL, receiving water limitations for dry weather are based on the 30-day geometric mean.

** Marine sample results were compared to California Ocean Plan water quality objectives. In the Bacteria TMDL, receiving water limitations for beaches in dry weather are based on the 30-day geometric mean.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REGIONAL COPERMITTEE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AMENDMENT – 5 YEAR NOT-TO-EXCEED LIMITS

As part of the Regional Copermittee MOU Amendment, not-to-exceed limits for the annual budget are put in place for the upcoming five years. Ruth distributed the not-to-exceed limits and clarified that the amounts are limits and not budgets. Work related to the Tentative Investigative Order (IO) No. R9-2018-0021 is not included on the MOU because there will be additional parties involved in that work effort. Ruth walked the Workgroup through the tasks and associated not-to-exceed limits and solicited opinions from the Workgroup regarding the amounts.

Joe commented that most of the tasks are for consultants who budget for the not-to-exceed amount. To save money, he suggests going through each task's budget and looking for places to potentially save. John adds that it would be beneficial to compare these amounts to the previous year's budgets to understand if the amounts are reasonable, and also understand if previous estimates of budgets were

accurate. Santee, La Mesa and El Cajon express the difficulty of communicating the not-to-exceed amounts to their City's management. Ruth reiterates that the City of San Diego requires these not-to-exceed limits as part of the MOU.

Action Item:

- Ruth will provide more information to the workgroup regarding the limits. This includes dividing the not-to-exceed limits for each Copermittee and providing information on actual budgets versus the planned amount for previous MOUs. Ruth will distribute this information to the Workgroup, and plan a conference call to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 7: WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

There is a Consultation Committee meeting on Friday July 20th. Ruth solicited updates that members of the Workgroup may want to share at the meeting.

The Annual Report was submitted last January. The Regional Water Board is planning on submitting comments regarding the Report, however no schedule was provided. Ruth solicits comments from the Workgroup regarding the Annual Report.

- The Workgroup discussed the specific content of the Report, and how to meet the desires of the Regional Water Board.
- Sheri commented on the different levels of detail, and reasons for the repetition of information throughout the report.
- The Workgroup expressed the desire to streamline the reporting process, and complete less frequent reports (possibly over 2 or 5 year reporting periods), as stated in the Report of Waste Discharge. The sentiment is to spend less money on the report and more money on monitoring and data collection.

Regarding the schedule of upcoming Workgroup Meetings, Ruth suggested that the Workgroup meet on the third week of each month, when needed. This will provide more time for the consultants to compile and present information to the group. The new date of the meetings will begin in September. Ruth will distribute a scheduler to the Workgroup.

AGENDA ITEM 8: TENTATIVE INVESTIGATIVE ORDER (IO)

Roya inquired about the overlap between the IO and the WQIP, to which members of the Workgroup responded that the Regional Water Board is still working out details of the IO. The Workgroup discussed possible jurisdictional configurations, and future technical work that will likely have to be completed as part of the IO. The consensus from the Copermittees is that the IO has the potential to be expensive, and may require a significant work effort.

Ruth notes that written comments are due next Wednesday, June 20th. Workgroup members agree that although there is little potential for their comments to be incorporated, it is important to let the Regional Water Board hear their concerns about the potential cost and work effort associated with the IO. There is a Regional Water Board meeting that will discuss the IO on August 8th; Workgroup members will encourage their management to attend and voice concern.

AGENDA ITEM 9: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATE

- Ruth inquired if Copermittees received over irrigation audits from the Regional Water Board. She believes the audit primarily looks at the jurisdiction's website to see if it meets the requirements for minimizing the discharge of irrigation water.
 - Joe commented that he received the audit for the City of La Mesa. The audit was an email that detailed point-by-point how the City's website was deficient, and what updates were required.
 - Jurisdictions are instructed to detail the completed updates in the Jurisdictional Runoff Management Plan section of the WQIP.
- Ruth mentioned that the agenda for the upcoming Program Planning Subcommittee (PPS) meeting is not out yet, but that the Copermittees will be completing and submitting an addendum to the Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to further address reporting requirements and the Bacteria TMDL. The Regional Water Board is attempting to change the Permit, but does not want to remove large sections of Permit language.
 - Other items on the agenda will include a triennial review that Jo Ann will present, a Sediment Quality Objective Scope of Work, and updates from the sub-workgroups.
- The Regional Education Group is now marketing Project Clean Water (PCW) and will be hosting a PCW day at the fair. If Workgroup members are interested in staffing a booth, the possibility is there.
- In an effort to increase efficiency, Weston will begin taking over Workgroup meeting support in July.

AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER ITEMS

No other items were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 11: NEXT RECURRING WORKGROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2018 from 10 – 12 pm. Agenda items should be sent to Ruth by Thursday, July 5.