

Dry Weather Monitoring Workgroup Meeting Minutes

4/18/07

Dry Weather Monitoring Program 2007

- Keep the same as previous year, make improvements for 2008
- Action Levels
 - Field -- Use mS/cm for conductivity!
 - Lab -- will be needed to adjust Action Levels
 - Use coastal outfall monitoring data integrated with dry weather monitoring data for updating fecal indicator bacteria action levels
 - Karen Holman— Port of San Diego
 - Use coastal and dry weather monitoring data sets to calculate 95% confidence intervals for indicator bacteria
 - Will be presented to the Regional Monitoring Workgroup
 - Use data only from storm drains
 - Will keep the same bacteria Action Levels for 2007
- Reporting Limits (RL)
 - Total coliforms need to be quantified up to 1.6 million MPN/100 mL
 - Some discussion of pesticides (diazinon and chlorpyrifos) RL
 - In CTR or toxics
 - Escondido concerned about cost for the low reporting limits
 - Karen Holman mentioned to meet TMDLs RL necessary
 - Field measurements
 - Most use CHEMetrics test kits
 - Be careful of nitrate methods (Nitrate as N or NO₃)
- US EPA approved IDEXX Colilert and Enterolert methods for wastewater, so stormwater and urban runoff counts
 - Effective April 25th. Use of these methods will be up to individual Copermittees or agencies for this year 2007.
 - Escondido asked for the conversion factor for E. coli to fecal coliform. **(A conversion factor of 1.2 has been used by County's Recreational Water Quality Program).**
 - Encouraged to consult with the Regional Board about IDEXX methods use in 2007.
(It has been confirmed with the San Diego Regional Board (May 3, 2007) that for the 2007 dry weather monitoring season, the Copermittees would not be considered in violation of Order No. R9-2001-001 if they use the Colilert method for analysis of total coliforms.)

Trash Assessment Development

- Lee went over the background of how the present trash assessment form was developed and evolved

- Karen Holman, Port of San Diego, presented comments on the final draft of the trash assessment form
 - Include check box for visible or not to public
 - Strike “streams” from form
 - Ranking by type, 1-9, by prevalence, no ties

- **Next Steps**
 - Damon will lead, with Cora, help with integrating proposed changes and descriptions/definitions of the terms of trash assessment form. **(Revised form and description are attached.)**
 - Summary of assessment will go to the Regional Group, through Lee

Next meeting

- No meeting is scheduled for next months as dry weather monitoring starts on May 1 unless there are special issues that need to be addressed by the Workgroup.

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