

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, APRIL 12, 2017 10:00-12:00PM

MEETING ATTENDEES (*VOTING MEMBERS)

- Jim Harry, City of San Diego*
- Joe Kuhn, City of La Mesa*
- John Phillips, City of El Cajon *
- Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego*
- Joanna Wisniewska, County of San Diego
- Roya Yazdanifard, Caltrans
- Sheri Dister, Weston Solutions
- John Quenzer, D-Max Engineering, Inc.
- Antonia Estevez-Olea, Larry Walker Associates

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

No members of the public were present.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY FROM MARCH 22 – VOTING ITEM

The March 22, 2017 meeting summary was approved with edits to Item 5 and 8. Jim motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Joanna. (Vote: 4, 0, 1; Yes, No, Absent).

AGENDA ITEM 5: MONITORING UPDATE

Joanna provided the following monitoring updates:

- One more wet weather monitoring event at SDR-1 is needed to complete MS4 outfall monitoring. The March event was canceled as the site did not have sufficient flow.
- One dry weather monitoring event was conducted on March 29, 2017 for the Bacteria TMDL Monitoring Program. **Table 1** provides the location, weather condition, and indicators exceeding single sample maximum water quality objectives.

Table 1. Bacterial Exceedances at San Diego River Sampling Locations

Site Type	Site	March 29, 2017 (Dry)
Freshwater Creek Site*	SDR-FC1	<i>Enterococcus</i>
	SDR-FC2	<i>Enterococcus</i>
	SDR-CDE	None
	SDR-MLS	None
Beach Site**	FM-010	None

* Freshwater sample results for Enterococcus and fecal coliform are compared to MS4 Permit receiving water limitations for creeks, which are consistent with Basin Plan single sample maximum REC-1 water quality objectives for freshwater designated beach.

** Marine sample results compared to MS4 Permit receiving water limitations for beaches, which are based upon California Ocean Plan water quality objectives.

During the March 22 SDR WMA meeting, Joanna was asked to contact the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) and inquire why signs were not posted in the City of Santee to notify the public of the sanitary sewer flow (SSO) that occurred at Los Coches Creek. DEH did not post within the City of Santee because staff were unable to access the affected sites. Signs were later posted when sites were accessible. It was initially thought that the SSO reached the San Diego River, so samples were collected there. However, since the samples were collected three (3) days after the SSO, it is unknown if the SSO indeed reached the river. Results indicated background levels of bacteria, suggesting that the SSO may not have impacted the river.

On April 6, 2017, the County of San Diego hosted an RMAR Ad Hoc meeting to facilitate coordination with all watershed management areas (WMAs). Assessments methods were discussed to maintain regional consistency. The meeting summary will be posted to project clean water. http://www.projectcleanwater.org/event/rmar-ad-hoc-group-special-meeting/?instance_id=56

Action item(s):

- Joanna to send the April 6 RMAR Ad Hoc meeting summary to SDR WMA members.

AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

The Consultation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at 5510 Overland Avenue, Room 451. Lewis Michaelson, from Katz & Associates, will facilitate the meeting. At the Consultation Committee meeting, the SDR workgroup will present the proposed changes to the prioritization process and the City of Santee’s jurisdictional goals.

- The new prioritization process was developed during the preparation of the RMAR for use in the re-evaluation of priority water quality conditions. The new process is clearer,

flexible enough to incorporate new data sources, and borrows from other accepted WQIPs. Many priorities are unchanged using the new process, and bacteria remains a HPWQC for Pacific Ocean Shoreline at San Diego River Outlet, Lower San Diego River, and Forester Creek. Trash was identified as a new PWQC in wet weather, and some PWQCs previously only identified for dry weather were also identified for wet weather in this assessment.

- John Quenzer is working with the City of Santee to update the City's Permit term numeric goals, which are to be met in 2018. In the WQIP, the City was the only participating agency (PA) that developed load reduction goals for bacteria. Other PAs developed performance-based goals. Due to time constraints, the City would like to update the numeric goals to performance goals. The City is scheduled to meet with the Regional Water Board to discuss updates in late April. A draft of the revised goals will be presented.

In preparation for the Consultation Committee meeting, the workgroup will develop a memorandum that will summarize the proposed changes. The presentation and memorandum will be available two weeks before May 10, 2017. A conference call will be scheduled to discuss additional information. The workgroup members made the following recommendations for the presentation;

- Compare the old and the new process;
- Explain that the new process is more stringent and does not remove any priorities;
- Provide examples of how new process works;
- Explain that new process is consistent with other WQIPs;
- Discuss trash as a new priority and present Trash Amendment requirements; and
- Provide a timeline of proposed changes.

In the future (probably next annual report), the City of San Diego would like to update the WQIP to add nutrients as a priority in the Famosa Slough. Currently, the City is collaborating with the Regional Water Board to address nutrients. Thus, the City plans to update its jurisdictional goals and plans to model nutrient loads to identify sources and set goals.

Action Item (s):

- Workgroup members to meet with Lewis to discuss meeting process.
- City of San Diego to coordinate with Sheri regarding Famosa Slough.

AGENDA ITEM 7: REGIONAL MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT REPORT (RMAR)

The RMAR SDR WMA individual chapter was delivered to workgroup members for comments on Friday, April 7, 2017. Comments are due April 21, 2017. The following items were discussed during the meeting.

- Based on the March 22 discussion, third party data was removed from assessments since the data quality did not meet WQIP monitoring data standards. A detailed explanation of this decision is provided in the draft report. To ensure third party data is used in the future, a representative from the SDR WMA workgroup (i.e., the County of San Diego) will meet with the San Diego Coastkeeper (Coastkeeper) to establish a line of communication. The workgroup would like to collaborate with Coastkeeper to help standardized monitoring protocols.
- Sheri plans have an executive summary for all RMAR individual chapters. The executive summary for the SDR will be included in the next draft.
- Sheri informed the workgroup that other WMAs have been using a combination of Stormwater Action Levels (SALs) and water quality objectives (WQOs) to conduct their cause and contribute assessment. Sheri noted that this approach might be inconsistent as not all pollutants have SALs. For the SDR assessment, WESTON only used the WQOs, as these are more stringent and consistency is improved using only one type of benchmark.
- For the Stormwater portion of Section 8.3.2 , one key point is that that these assessment results, as given, can be used to determine effectiveness as they are not comparable from year to year. There is also a large amount of error in the estimation of pollutant loads.

Sheri presented the 2017 RMAR draft schedule. The tentative schedule is shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2. SDR WMA RMAR 2017 Draft Schedule

Item	Due Date
SDR RMAR chapter first draft comments due	04/22/17
Final SDR RMAR chapter is provided to members for review	04/28/17
Sheri to provide draft Regional Assessments and Regional Recommendations to Participating Agencies (PAs)	05/08/17
SDR WMA WQIP Consultation Committee Meeting	05/10/17
PAs to submit comments for SDR RMAR chapter and Regional Assessments and Regional Recommendations	05/22/17
Final SDR RMAR Chapter	06/23/17

Action Item (s):

- Workgroup to let Sheri know if other staff should be granted access to review the SDR RMAR individual chapter.
- Sheri to add the SDR WMA Consultation Committee meeting to RMAR schedule.
- Sheri and Stephanie to check with Jo Ann if the use of WQOs is appropriate for the cause and contribute assessment.

AGENDA ITEM 8: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

The City of El Cajon is not included in the Creek to Bay cleanup list. John does not know why their sites are not included.

Caltrans received new funding, so new projects will be constructed. For example, a pavement rehab project is being implemented on Highway 8.

The City of La Mesa is hiring a new director of public works.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER ITEMS

No other items were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 10: NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017 from 10:00 – 12:00 pm. Send agenda items to Ruth and Antonia by Wednesday, May 3rd.