

Meeting Summary
San Diego Regional Monitoring Workgroup
County of San Diego – 3rd Floor Conference Room
9325 Hazard Way, San Diego
Tuesday, March 27, 2007
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

1. Introductions (see attendance list)
2. TMDL Issues (Group)

USEPA approved the additions to the 2006 303d list. For more information see link:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tmdl/303d.html>

The beach and streams Bacteria TMDL updated Technical Report and dissolved metals for Chollas Creek are available. A Public Hearing is scheduled for April 25th and possible adoption is scheduled for June 13th. The newly revised Chollas Creek Copper, Lead, and Zinc TMDLs documents are on the following web address:

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/tmdls/chollas%20creek%20metals.html>

The revised Draft Technical Report for the **TMDLs for Indicator Bacteria Project I -- Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region** is available for your review and comment on the San Diego Water Board's website at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego.

3. Regional Monitoring Activities Update (Weston)
June 1 – Deadline for input from WURMPs on location of TWAS.
August 1 – Deadline for providing third party data sets (the actual data in an electronic format) for consideration by Regional Monitoring Workgroup to include in Annual Urban Runoff Report.
4. Workgroup Updates (Dry Weather & Coastal)- Discussion of draft working document of Trash Field Sheet- Provide feedback to Dry Weather WG
The group reviewed the monitoring questions to be answered on the first page of the Rcv Waters Program of the 2007. Graphs were made to assess expected outcomes. For example – one graph could plot # of sites versus trash category (High, medium or low levels of trash or other similar categories to provide magnitude) - this graph could assess the problem on a regional level and would give a qualitative assessment of both magnitude and amount (question #2- extent and magnitude and #3- relative urban runoff contribution). A graph of the number of sites each year of the permit cycle that are poor would provide a measure of change over the permit cycle and address question #5 (are conditions getting better or worse over time). Additional actions could be considered in the future on a subset of sites. Also ranking the sites and providing a graph of how the number of sites in each category over the Permit cycle changes would respond to question # 5. Providing info on the source based on field observations will assess the sources (Q. 4: What are the sources of urban runoff that contribute to receiving water problems?). The Regional Monitoring workgroup commends the Dry weather workgroup on preparing the draft trash field sheet. The following recommendations were made to the Dry Weather Group on revising the data sheet (many of the members of the subcommittee were present):
 1. Develop a trash assessment that is similar to the Dry Weather monitoring program where sites that are “poor” may be subject to actions and are quantified in a general way by extent and type. (The permit does not ask us to measure the amount of trash just provide the extent, therefore, optimal to poor categories should suffice).
 2. The type of trash is determined by ranking, using the previous categories (plastic, glass, metal, etc).
 3. The program should be as qualitative as possible, yet we still see too much quantification. Because quantification proposed requires field judgement, it will be difficult to compare data on a regional level. Please keep in mind that this is a regional program and is not part of individual JURMPs (like the dry weather program).
 4. We should not try to quantify the sources or do % of volume. We recommend using a ranking that would allow us to determine priorities without having to provide specific numbers that will be difficult to quantify. This direction is consistent with the direction given by the Regional Monitoring Workgroup on feedback to the RWQCB during Permit comments and the RWQCB agreed to it. As indicated in the Fact Sheet to the Permit- This is a new program and the Copermittees are given flexibility on how to design it.

5. SMC Update (Jo Ann)Ceden.org - Municipal Stormwater database being developed by SWAMP- County of San Diego will participate
6. Regional Monitoring Permit Status (Group) – By April 1, anticipate response from RWQCB on ABLM Assessment;
Status of Trash & Pyrethroid Programs due July 1, 2007- Requested Weston to put together proposals for the groups consideration at the next monitoring meeting to ensure Permit compliance.
7. Database Management and Issues (Group) – There are approx. 50 K of funds unexpended in the 2006-2007 Regional Monitoring Budget. The option of having Weston build on their experience with the Common Ground site for San Diego Bay and use all of the regional data was explored. The group wondered if this overlapped with the CEDEN.org effort. Weston was asked to provide a proposal. [County of San Diego Note: The County will be putting out a proposal that will include updating the Project Clean Water website – it is hoped that housing the regional monitoring data with some mapping and potentially analysis tool will be included in the County paid upgrade of the site. Therefore, we will not proceed with a Copermitee-funded effort at his time. Weston will not be providing a proposal to the Regional Monitoring Workgroup for this work
8. Presentation and Discussion: How we prioritize 'constituents' using the Watershed Assessment Framework and Baseline Long-term Effectiveness Assessment methodologies. Presentation by Weston and discussion. Download presentation from projectcleanwater.org.
9. Future Meetings - The following meetings are at the County of San Diego, 3rd floor conference room, 9325 Hazard Way, San Diego:
 - Tuesday, April 24, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm** - Ken Schiff of Southern California Coastal Water Research Project will facilitate a session on how we want to design the MS4 Outfall and Source ID Monitoring Program.
 - Tuesday, May 22, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm** – Ken Schiff of Southern California Coastal Water Research Project will present information on the Regional Monitoring Program being developed in the Bioassessment Technical Workgroup of the SMC and Info on the Bight Program (we plan to participate in 2008-2009 monitoring season (Oct 2008- Oct 2009)).
 - Tuesday, June 26, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm (this meeting may be moved to June 20th)** – Tentatively- The Ins and Outs of Event Mean Concentrations, Flow measurements, and other parameters we measure in the Regional Monitoring Program– Weston

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Attendees:

Ben Neill, San Diego Regional Water Quality Board
 Paul Hartman, City of Carlsbad
 Andre Sonksen, City of San Diego
 Jerome Jaminet, TRC
 Kelly Barker, County of San Diego
 Marisa Fontanoz, SD County Regional Airport Authority
 Karen Holman, Port of San Diego
 Ken St. Clair, City of San Marcos
 Christine Sloan, County of San Diego
 Kristina Schneider, Brown & Caldwell
 Laura Lindenmayer, Brown & Caldwell
 Cora Long, City of Lemon Grove
 Robert Griswold, City of El Cajon
 Andrea Crumpacker, Weston
 Dave Renfrew, Weston
 David Pohl, Weston
 Rosanna Lacarra, City of Del Mar
 Crystal Najera, City of Del Mar
 John Quenzer, City of National City
 Lisa Kay, Weston
 Jo Ann Weber, County of San Diego

