Meeting Notes - FINAL

Chairperson Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego)

Date / Time	Agenda Summary
08/20/2020 Start time: 1:30 PM End time: 3:23 PM Location Online WebEx Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions	 Call to Order Roll Call Budget Update (VOTE) Public Comments Meeting Summary (VOTE) Old Business Budget Update (continued) County of San Diego MLOE Presentation Subcommittee Updates WMA Updates Announcements/Other Future Meetings

Voting Members in Attendance: Number of Voting Copermittees at this Meeting: 9/9 (one vote per watershed) Santa Margarita Carlsbad Watershed: Los Peñasquitos Watershed City of Poway Watershed: City of San Marcos Tracy Beach County of San Diego Reed Thornberry **Bri Martin** San Diego River Watershed: Tijuana Watershed: San Luis Rey Watershed City of Santee City of Imperial Beach City of Oceanside **Cecilia Tipton Wbaldo Arellano Justin Gamble** San Dieguito Watershed: \boxtimes | Mission Bay Watershed: $|\boxtimes|$ | San Diego Bay Watershed: City of Escondido City of San Diego City of Chula Vista Alicia Appel Jim Harry **Marisa Soriano** Non-Voting Members and Members of the Public in Attendance County of San Diego City of Coronado Port of San Diego **Stephanie Gaines Jessie Powell Stephanie Bauer** Ruth de la Rosa City of El Cajon ☐ City of Oceanside Chelsea McGimpsey **Christine Jaboro** Ryan Rodman Joanna Wisniewska ☐ City of San Diego ☐ Cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach Rene Vidales **Brianna Menke Kelly Ogawa Scott Norris** ☐ City of National City **Carla Hutchinson** City of Carlsbad \boxtimes Riverside County Flood Control & Tim Murphy Water Conservation District Rebekah Guill, Matt Yeager ⊠ Wood City of Vista Michael Baker International **Matt Rich** Jon Nottage Sophia Barron (Meeting Secretary) ☐ Larry Walker Associates ⊠ | Dudek City of Encinitas Paul Maechler Ashli Desai, Paul Hartman Bryn Evans D-Max Engineering, Inc. **Weston Solutions** Teresa Lyndon **Sheri Dister**

4 1. Call to Order

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

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Due to restrictions for mitigating the spread of COVID-19, all meetings are being done online and remotely.

2. Roll Call

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- 9 Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) completed roll call for voting members. Other 10 persons participating in the meeting were asked to identify themselves through the chat 11 function to be included on the attendance list.
- Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) suggested to move Item 6a (Biological objectives Support Task Order) of the agenda to before Item 3 (Time for public to speak on items not on the agenda) of the agenda, due to a time constraint of the consultant.

3. Budget Update

Biological Objectives Support Task Order

Ashli Desai (Larry Walker Associates) provided an overview of the biological objectives background and task order. The County of San Diego (County) is requesting the assistance of Larry Walker Associates (LWA), with support from D-Max Engineering, to provide support to the San Diego County Copermittees (Copermittees) in reviewing proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) to incorporate Biological Objectives for the San Diego Basin. The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board) proposed Basin Plan amendments, including Staff Report and Substitute Environmental Document, were released on August 14, 2020. One round of written comments will be developed for submittal, upon which the Regional Water Board will make revisions and re-issue final proposed documents by September 11, 2020. LWA will review the final proposed documents to support the Copermittees in preparation for the public hearing and adoption, currently scheduled for October 14, 2020.

Because there is an aggressive timeline to submit comment letters to the Regional Water Board (14-day comment period) by August 28, 2020, and to adopt the biological objectives into the Basin Plan (adoption hearing scheduled for October 14, 2020), the County is seeking to approve this task order immediately.

Ashli Desai (LWA) described that overall, the Regional Water Board had positive changes in response to Copermittees' feedback. Not every comment was fully addressed, but their response gave some relief. This task order will aim to reach a more comprehensive response from the Regional Water Board on Copermittee comments.

The Final Comment Letter on Proposed Revisions is due to the Regional Water Board on August 28, 2020, but Copermittees must provide comments to LWA by August 26, 2020.

MOTION: Use \$13,236 of the Task 2-A Regulatory Support FY20-21 Budget for Biological Objectives Regulatory Support Task Order (D-Max/LWA). (APPROVED)

- Moved by: Alicia Appel (San Dieguito Watershed, City of Escondido)
- Seconded by: Tracy Beach (Los Peñasquitos Watershed, City of Poway)

• Vote: 9-0-0-0

Matt Yeager (Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District) voiced his appreciation to Ashli and LWA's efforts regarding the biological objectives update and the comprehensive summary table of responses from the Regional Water Board. He asked if LWA will make a comment to the effect that the Regional Water Board is not providing adequate time to perform a comprehensive review. Ashli Desai (LWA) responded by recommending that the comment letter be structured in a way that supports certain aspects of the biological objectives, but acknowledge that the actual process and timeframe given to respond is a problem (i.e., not all documents are available to perform an adequate review). Matt Yeager (Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District) thinks that Copermittees should still have more time for review.

4. Time for Public to Speak on Items Not on the Agenda

No comments from members of the public.

5. Meeting Summary *Vote*

The Copermittees had comments and revisions to the July 16, 2020, Program Planning Subcommittee (PPS) meeting notes. Cecilia Tipton (City of Santee) had a comment on page 2, Item 2 (Roll Call) of the July 16th meeting minutes. She suggested that to be more transparent, meeting minutes should include the list of individuals identified in the roll call, including both voting members identified through the Roll Call and non-voting members of Copermittees identified through the chat function. Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) described that the list of participants identified through chat feature is already included with the list of participants on the first page of the meeting minutes. However, this will be clarified during meetings that all attendees are captured on the front page of the meeting minutes. Cecilia Tipton (City of Santee) also identified a typographical error in Line 88 of the July 16th meeting minutes, clarifying that "format" should be corrected to "formal". The July 16, 2020 meeting summary was amended to include these revisions.

MOTION: Approve the meeting summary for July 16, 2020, as amended. (APPROVED)

- Moved by: Bri Martin (Santa Margarita Watershed, County of San Diego)
- Seconded by: Cecilia Tipton (San Diego River Watershed, City of Santee)
- Vote: 9-0-0-0

6. Old Business

- Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) reviewed the action items from the previous meeting. Each action item is listed here in *italics* with the update below it.
- 1. Matt Yeager (RCFCWCD) to confirm permission to share Riverside's response letter with all Copermittees. Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to send letter to Copermittees once confirmed by Matt Yeager (RCFCWCD).

81		Completed.
82 83	2.	Copermittees to notify Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) if they are able to use Microsoft Teams for future meetings.
84		Completed.
85 86 87	3.	Copermittees interested in participating on ad hoc subcommittee to discuss BMP Performance (as related to vegetative cover, mulch, and maintenance) to notify René Vidales (County of San Diego).
88		Completed.
89 90	4.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to send Copermittees the slides from Scott Taylor's CASQA and NMSA updates.
91		Completed.
92 93	5.	Copermittees who did not receive the Responses for Adaptive Management Item 9.d., Surfer Health Study, to notify Stephanie Gaines or Bri Martin (County of San Diego).
94		Due by August 20, 2020.
95 96	6.	Copermittees to notify Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) if interested in having conversation about hosting Project Clean Water when the current contract runs out.
97		Due by August 20, 2020.
98 99 100	7.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to work offline with Copermittees regarding development of a stormwater workshop for inspectors and Copermittees, focused on stormwater inspection of agriculture facilities.
101		Due by August 20, 2020.
102 103	8.	Any Copermittee interested in leading a virtual event for QISP training to contact Christine Tolchin (County of San Diego).
104		Due by August 20, 2020.
105 106	9.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to email the Trash Amendments Track 2 Guidance Document to Copermittees.
107		CASQA is still developing this. This will remain as an ongoing action item.
108 109	10.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to keep Copermittees updated on progress of request for reporting relief from the Regional Board.
110		This is an ongoing action item.
111 112	11.	Copermittees wanting to pick up promotional items are to contact Chelsea McGimpsey (County of San Diego) to arrange a date and time for pickup.
113		This is an ongoing action item.
114 115	12.	At least one week prior to PPS meetings (preferably sooner), Copermittees to notify Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) and Bri Martin (County of San Diego) of any

PPS agenda suggestions or ideas on presentations for work products, work plans, etc., to further collaboration among the Copermittees.

This is a regular standing item on future agendas and will remain as an ongoing action item.

7. Budget Update

FY 21-22 Budget Development & Updates

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) reminded the Subcommittee budgets are typically reconciled at this time of the year. Draft workplans and budgets, including the Land Development Workgroup, Program Planning Subcommittee, and Education and Outreach Workgroup, for the following fiscal year are discussed by PPS in September. Copermittees take the proposed budgets and workplans to their jurisdictions for consideration, hold a formal vote at the October PPS meeting to recommend the budget to the Regional Management Committee (RMC), and the RMC holds their official vote in December. In the past, invoicing was done in January for the upcoming fiscal year. This year, the County is working to invoice sooner.

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) presented the draft FY21-22 PPS budget for discussion purposes only. The FY19-20 budget reconciliation, including FY19-20 budget, budget transfer, expenditures, unspent budget, proposed carry over, and credit on FY19-20 invoices were presented. FY20-21 Draft PPS Invoice Amounts by Copermittee were presented, which excluded the Land Development Workgroup (LDW) budget and credit. The FY21-22 Draft PPS Budget was presented and includes an increase to the meeting support budget to \$35K (previously \$25K) and the regulatory support budget to \$175K (previously \$125K), with the rationale being upcoming work on Permit Reissuance. The proposed FY21-22 PPS budget is \$535,380.

Cecilia Tipton (City of Santee) asked if the LDW portion of the proposed budget will be included in the budget table at the next PPS meeting so that Copermittees can view the entire proposed budget. Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) responded that the County will work with René Vidales (County of San Diego) and the LDW group so that the LDW budget will be included in the next PPS meeting.

It is anticipated that the Draft MS4 Permit will be available in Spring 2021, with a Fall 2021 adoption. It is expected for there to be Permit workshops in Summer 2021. These dates are tentative to change and are subject to the Regional Board's timeline.

8. County of San Diego MLOE Approach

Joanna Wisniewska (County of San Diego) provided a presentation on "Flow Source Forensics: Using Multiple Lines of Evidence to Identify and Quantify Dry Weather Flow Sources". The presentation focused on how the County uses multiple lines of evidence to identify and quantify non-stormwater flows in the MS4. The presentation was based on a previous one given at the 2019 CASQA conference showcasing the County's

collaborative work with San Diego State University and with assistance from Wood Environment & Infrastructure.

Paul Hartman (LWA) asked that given the Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) comment letter to provide evidence of groundwater discharge, has there been any feedback from the Regional Water Board on the County's research, including level of effort or evidence needed.

Joanna Wisniewska (County of San Diego) responded that she has not heard anything in regard to feedback from the Regional Water Board regarding this research and does not know what their initial thoughts are. According to the isotope analysis, there is no real difference in the County between groundwater and surface water isotopic composition. So, if water is found in the MS4, it can't really be distinguished if it is MS4 or groundwater intrusion into the stream. Joanna said that the focus is more on tap water because there is a distinct difference between imported and local water, whereas for surface water and groundwater, there needs to be an emphasis on additional lines of evidence to be able to characterize. Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) and Bri Martin (County of San Diego) have also not heard anything from the Regional Water Board regarding feedback on this research.

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) will provide Joanna's PowerPoint presentation to Copermittees.

Matt Yeager (Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District) asked Joanna if there has been field reconnaissance of the drainage areas used in the analysis. Joanna responded that all drainage areas have been characterized for all outfalls, and that the County is working on incorporating these into GIS. These areas coincide with Illicit Connection/Illicit Discharge (ICID) investigations.

Matt Yeager (Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District) asked if there has been any education and outreach or enforcement in these areas, and if any real time illegal discharges have contributed to their analysis. Joanna Wisniewska (County of San Diego) responded that there have been real time illegal discharges during their analysis and the County's Existing Development Group (Watershed Protection Program) has identified irrigation runoff in an HOA. As a result of collaboration with the HOA, residences within the HOA installed sustainable landscapes to reduce irrigation runoff. The outfall was monitored after sustainable landscapes were installed, and there was a decrease in flow, indicating successful outreach and implementation.

Matt Yeager (Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District) is interested in having an offline discussion and to contact Joanna Wisniewska (County of San Diego) regarding dry weather program approach and effectiveness.

9. Subcommittee Updates

Land Development Workgroup (LDW)

René Vidales (County of San Diego) sent in an update. The LDW July 29th meeting included a presentation from the County on a new tool to use various BMPs. The tool has been published and is available online on the Development Resources webpage under "Calculators and Modeling Software" option of the County website. The LDW voted to be an ad hoc subcommittee to the PPS, voted on expenditures for the 4th quarter of last FY, and discussed the FY21-22 workplan. The Workgroup will be developing a set of working documents to demonstrate how they plan to work together, make decisions, take votes, etc., to determine the overall group structure. The next LDW meeting will take place on September 23rd, from 9am-12pm.

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) announced that the LDW will make recommendations to the PPS when appropriate, requiring more coordination and effort between the PPS and LDW, in particular between Stephanie Gaines and René Vidales (both County of San Diego).

Regional Monitoring Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Pending Items: C-Value and Options for Future Support

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) asked to disregard the c-value issue since this has been discussed previously.

Response for Adaptive Management Item 5, Storm Drain Biofilms Source of Bacteria

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) asked if Copermittees reviewed the draft language to the Regional Water Board regarding biofilm regrowth studies. This draft response can be used in the WQIP Annual Report. Jim Harry (City of San Diego) responded that the City would like to add clarification that the City has started conducting additional biofilm studies but has not completed them.

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) said the draft writeup can still be revised if there are additional comments at a later time.

Project Clean Water Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chelsea McGimpsey (County of San Diego) informed the Copermittees that due to COVID-19 impacts, the County is pursuing activation of the one-year extension included in the existing contract with DMI. This will ensure continuity of services and allow completion of current tasks. The extension has been approved but the amendment is still in process due to the consultant name change. The intent remains for management of ProjectCleanWater.org to transfer to a Copermittee after May 31, 2021. Copermittees are asked to contact the County if they are interested in taking on management of ProjectCleanWater.org. The County continues to follow up with Perspecta on a quote for website management. The Project Clean Water Ad Hoc Subcommittee will meet this Fall and expects to have more information from MIG on recommended website changes to support the behavior change marketing campaign.

Education and Outreach Workgroup

Radio advertisements have been aired and will continue to be broadcasted through August 30th. This uses the \$15,000 recommended by the Workgroup, which enables 90 slots per week on 17 stations, with a total of 540 ads. The radio advertisements focus on overirrigation and trash, and have built recognition of the Project Clean Water brand name. There has been a 270% increase in site traffic on the Project Clean Water site since the airing of the ads. The Workgroup will share more analytics at next PPS meeting.

The consultant (MIG) and Education and Outreach Workgroup have finalized SMART goals for the behavior change marketing campaign. These goals include car washing and trash, and will target the general public and homeowners, as well as commercial businesses.

A poster for targeted stormwater behavioral change has been accepted for the 2020 CASQA conference and will be presented at the conference in September.

Copermittees wanting to pick up promotional items are to contact Chelsea McGimpsey (County of San Diego) to arrange a date and time for pickup.

WQIP Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Regulatory Relief Discussion with Regional Board

Bri Martin (County of San Diego) forwarded an email response from Laurie Walsh of the Regional Board, which provides some level of regulatory relief by encouraging Copermittees to streamline the lengthy narrative discussions in their annual reports by using strategy tables to demonstrate how programs are being adaptively managed.

In regard to the requested deferral for D.4.b(2)(b)(i): MS4 Outfall Storm Water Pollutant Discharges Reduction Assessment, the Regional Board responded that they recognize that "changes are underway to various factors and methods used to calculate pollutant loads" and want to work together to provide some relief.

Thus, the Regional Board suggests that "In an effort to prioritize efficient use of resources while still maintaining compliance with the requirements of the Permit, the Copermittees should:

- 1. Submit the raw monitoring data collected to calculate pollutant loads and perform pollutant load calculations as required by provision D.4.b. of the Permit and
- 2. Assess the data as required pursuant to provision D.4.b.(1)(c)(iv) and D.4.b(2)(c) by evaluating the pollutant loads from each outfall, i.e., only calculating the pollutant loads at the outfall level and not using the outfall data to extend the load calculation at the watershed scale. For those outfalls that have been monitored for two or more years, tables and figures showing changes in pollutant loads over time from the outfall should also be prepared and reported. This streamlined approach to assessing the data takes into consideration expectations that the efforts underway to reevaluate

the land use factor and load calculation method will likely result in different conclusions and decision criteria.

The San Diego Water Board will continue to work with the Copermittees to complete the reevaluation of the method by which pollutant loads are calculated and assessed. The Copermittees are expected to use this streamlined assessment approach of the data in their 2019/20 and 2020/21 WQIP Annual Reports as the San Diego Water Board works to update and reissue the Permit."

Although this does not provide the level of regulatory relief the PPS was hoping for, this response from the Regional Board does provide some sense of relief, and paves the way for additional relief in the future.

Brianna Menke (City of San Diego) suggested that the topic of how to streamline WQIP Annual Reports should be discussed on a regional level so as to remain consistent in reporting methodology. This will be a topic for the next WQIP Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting in September.

Bri Martin (County of San Diego) will schedule the WQIP Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting for September 2nd to discuss potential regional WQIP Annual Report streamline changes.

10. WMA Updates

This is an opportunity for watershed groups to provide updates or ask questions relevant to other watershed management areas (WMAs).

There were no updates from any watershed groups.

11. Announcements / Other

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) announced that the BMP effectiveness ad hoc subcommittee for the Land Development Workgroup has commenced and will be developing a set of working documents to demonstrate how they plan to work together, make decisions, take votes, etc. The Education & Outreach Workgroup will also develop a similar document to record and formalize parliamentary procedures and Workgroup processes. These ad hoc subcommittees will reach out individually to Copermittees on these activities for input.

12. Future Meetings

The next PPS meeting is scheduled for September 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Copermittees are asked to provide agenda topics well in advance of the meeting, not later than close of business on September 10 (one week before the meeting).

Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) adjourned the meeting at 3:23 PM.

298 **ACTION ITEMS**

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#	Action	Party(ies)	Due Date
1	Stephanie Gaines to distribute slides from Joanna Wisniewska's (County of San Diego) MLOE presentation to the group.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego)	ASAP
2	Schedule WQIP Ad Hoc subcommittee meeting for September to discuss potential regional WQIP Annual Report streamline changes.	Bri Martin (County of San Diego)	ASAP
3	Copermittees to provide comments for Biological Objectives Comment Letter to LWA by August 26, 2020* *Note: Date change authorized after PPS meeting, with new date change for 9/1/2020.	All Copermittees	8/26/2020*
4	Matt Yeager (Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District) to contact Joanna Wisniewska (County of San Diego) regarding dry weather program approach and effectiveness.	Matt Yeager (Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District)	End of August
5	Copermittees to notify Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) if interested in having conversation about hosting Project Clean Water when the current contract expires.	Interested Copermittees	9/17/2020
6	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to work offline with Copermittees regarding the development of a stormwater workshop for inspectors and Copermittees, focused on stormwater inspection of agriculture facilities.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego)	Ongoing
7	Any Copermittee interested in leading a virtual event for QISP training to contact Christine Tolchin (County of San Diego).	Interested Copermittees	Ongoing
8	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to distribute the Trash Amendments Track 2 Guidance Document to Copermittees.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego)	When released by CASQA
9	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) to continue updating Copermittees on progress of request for reporting relief from the Regional Board.	Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego)	Ongoing
10	Copermittees wanting to pick up promotional items are to contact Chelsea McGimpsey (County of San Diego) to arrange a date and time for pickup.	Interested Copermittees	Ongoing
11	At least one week prior to PPS meetings (preferably sooner), Copermittees to notify Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) and Bri Martin (County of San Diego) of any PPS agenda suggestions or ideas on presentations for work products, work plans, etc., to further collaboration among the Copermittees.	All Copermittees	Ongoing