

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, MAY 22, 2019 10:00-12:00 PM

MEETING START 10:02

MEETING ATTENDEES

NAME	ORGANIZATION	VOTING MEMBER
Joe Kuhn	City of La Mesa	Yes
Jim Harry	City of San Diego	Yes
Ruth de la Rosa	County of San Diego	No
Joanna Wisniewska	County of San Diego	Yes
Stephanie Gaines	County of San Diego	No
John Phillips	City of El Cajon	Yes
Cecilia Tipton	City of Santee	Yes
Roya Yazdanifard	Caltrans	No
Jane Ledford	San Diego State University	No
Sheri Dister	Weston Solutions	No
Michelle Mattson (telephone)	Weston Solutions	No
Amy Margolis	Weston Solutions	No

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 SUMMARIES – VOTING ITEM

John (City of El Cajon) pointed out that the date listed in Agenda Item 10 of the April 26, 2019 meeting summary should read June 12 rather than June 19. The summary was approved as amended.

DESCRIPTION	APPROVAL OF SDR MEETING SUMMARY (April 26, 2019)
MOTION	Motion to approve SDR Meeting Summary from April 26, 2019 as amended.
MOTIONED BY	John Phillips
SECONDED BY	Jim Harry
CALL FOR DISCUSSION	None
CALL TO VOTE	Motion Passed [4 Yes, 0 No]

AGENDA ITEM 5: REGIONAL BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION

Ruth (County of San Diego) provided an update and a handout about the May 17 Regional Board meeting with the watershed leads.

- The meeting summary prepared by the County is being reviewed by management.
- The Regional Board acknowledged the amount of work done on the WQIP Annual Reports and noted that the updated reports are easier to read.
- Reports were reviewed for high level compliance. The handout shows which watersheds will require WQIP updates and adaptive management. SDR does not require an update but adaptive management is required.
- Topics the Regional Board will require to be more fully addressed are included in the handout, though not all topics will apply to all watersheds. For these topics, a technical discussion is expected. Reports will state which topics are N/A to the watershed.
- The Regional Board indicated that they are open to flexibility in schedules for the updates and adaptive management.
- At the end of June, each watershed will receive a watershed-specific comment letter.
- The Regional Board would like watersheds to work together toward more consistent reporting. The homeless issue was given as an example, and the Santa Margarita River WMA WQIP was given as an example of the issue being handled well.
- The group discussed some of the bulleted list of topics on the handout.
 - Biofilms: Some research is in progress but a technical discussion may not be ready for the next Annual Report. If information is available, it would be in draft form.
 - Over irrigation audit: The Regional Board would like to know how JRMP strategies and watershed strategies have been updated as a result.
 - Groundwater: The Regional Board would like more information on characterizing groundwater and what is the jurisdiction’s responsibility and what is out of their control. The group discussed examples of exceedances of water quality objectives in exempt flows and concluded that if the flow contains pollutants it needs to be mitigated.
- The Regional Board doubts the accuracy of the runoff coefficients resulting from the Permit-required wet weather land-use based assessments. Sheri (Weston Solutions) pointed out that the runoff coefficients are required by the Permit to be calculated from the monitoring data and are based on land use partitioning and dependent on storm

size (e.g., small storms will result in small coefficients). The group discussed whether the Permit requirement may be the issue.

- The Regional Board may want to increase receiving water monitoring to better identify trends and may recommend that monitoring is more spread out rather than conducted in a single Permit year. Sheri noted that the Report of Waste Discharge in 2011 included a power analysis, with results supporting the current receiving water monitoring schedule.
- The Regional Board expects adaptive management updates and inclusion of new topics by 2021 but is willing to be flexible and is open to extending to 2022.
- The Regional Board believes that the priority selection process requires updating and suggested looking at more recently-approved WQIPs when considering updates to the process.
- Strategies between JRMPs and WQIPs should be coordinated.
- Regional Board staff expects more active coordination with the watersheds, and watersheds should be prepared to alter budgets accordingly.
- Regarding third party data, the Regional Board believes that data should be accepted and considered, but it is up the watershed's discretion to consider the QA procedures and decide how to use the data.
- Permit reissuances is expected around June 2020. An administrative draft will be available at the end of 2019 and there will be an opportunity to comment. Focused topic workshops with Copermittees will be scheduled. The reporting schedule will probably not be altered despite the request in the Report of Waste Discharge.
- Ruth asked for the group's feedback regarding the adaptive management schedule – is everyone comfortable with 2021 or would the group like to request an extension to 2022? Because the report will be due about six months following the expected Permit reissuance, the group feels that 2022 is more feasible.
- Ruth asked whether the group would still like to consider WQIP Annual Report framework updates or improvements now that feedback from the Regional Board is received. The group is satisfied keeping the changes made with the last report and waiting until Permit reissuance to make further updates. However, some improvements can be made without revamping based on Regional Board feedback (e.g., Santa Margarita homeless issue reporting). The group will discuss this further when the watershed-specific comment letter is received at the end of June.
- Ruth will send the group the meeting summary from the May 17 meeting when she receives it.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROJECT CLEANWATER WEBSITE

Ruth asked whether anyone has thought about potential updates to the SDR watershed Project Cleanwater page.

- Cecilia (City of Santee) mentioned including a google earth animated fly-through of watershed. This would be an easy addition.

- Stephanie (County of San Diego) mentioned including interactive maps showing priority areas.
- Ruth will compile suggestions and bring them to the ad hoc group. She reminded the group that updates are up to watershed discretion but there should be some regional consistency. The ad hoc group convenes this summer.
- Send high quality photos and/or interesting blurbs about jurisdictions to Ruth. Cecilia mentioned including historical society photos.

AGENDA ITEM 7: WATER QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE

Joanna (County of San Diego) summarized recent monitoring.

- April Bacteria TMDL monitoring
 - There were exceedances of geometric means of all three indicator bacteria at three of the four freshwater sites (at SDR-CDE only *Enterococcus* exceeded). *Enterococcus* also exceeded at the beach location during the first two weeks but not last two.
 - There was no sample for the last week of April or to date in May due to rainy weather. It will not be possible to get five May samples.
 - Forester Creek source tracking has also slowed down due to rainy weather.

Michelle (Weston Solutions) gave a presentation on updated Bight 2018 results.

- Results were revised due to an error in benthic index calculation.
 - The SQO tool was calibrated using older SCAMIT taxonomy and the new edition was used in the original calculations.
 - One site will need follow up monitoring. A few sites were budgeted. The group will discuss the plan for the follow up at the next meeting.

Sheri (Weston) gave a presentation on draft 2018-2019 wet weather MS4 analytical results.

- A monitoring overview was provided. This was the first year of flow weighted rather than time weighted monitoring. Diazinon was added to the monitoring list.
- This was a very wet year compared to the previous year.
- Bacteria single sample maximums were exceeded. No stormwater action levels were exceeded.

Ruth said she will provide copies of the presentations to the group and asked if there were any questions. No questions or comments were given. Ruth passed out agenda for the June bioassessment field trip.

AGENDA ITEM 8: TENTATIVE INVESTIGATIVE ORDER

Ruth provided an update on the Tentative Investigative Order.

- Scheduled to go before the Regional Board at the June 12 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATE

Ruth asked if the group had jurisdictional updates.

- No items were given.

AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER ITEMS

Ruth asked if anyone had other items to discuss.

- The City of El Cajon is working on grants for Broadway Channel improvements.
- No other updates were given.

AGENDA ITEM 13: NEXT RECURRING WORKGROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The group discussed what to do since this is only a couple of weeks away and coincides with the Regional Board meeting. The group decided to cancel the June meeting and meet on the usual date in July, scheduled for July 10 from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Meeting end 12:02 PM.