

MEETING MINUTES

Tijuana River Watershed Management Area Responsible Agency Monthly Coordination Meeting Minutes

County of San Diego Operations Center

5510 Overland Ave – 4th Floor Large Conference Room B-472, San Diego, CA 92123

April 19, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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I. Administration

a. Call to order and roll call

Chris Helmer - City of Imperial Beach
Jane Fajardo - City of San Diego
Katie Padilla - City of San Diego
Heather Krish - City of San Diego
Bryn Evans - Dudek
Julie Yurkovic - AECOM
Melody Dinckan - AECOM
Kiernan Brtalik - Dudek

b. Time for public to speak on items not on the agenda

- i. No members of the public were present.

c. Adoption of minutes from previous meeting

- i. The WQIP team was asked for final comments before posting them online.

d. Update on regional work products

These are largely County-led efforts in the budget.

- i. A rough draft of the Storm Water Resources Plan will be sent to the consultant team.
ii. Trash Special Study

County is currently leading a regional study to identify compliance options for state-wide trash amendment compliance.

The City of San Diego-led Catch Basin Insert Pilot Study was discussed that evaluated performance for five catch basin insert products in the field during both dry weather and a wet weather observational monitoring event. Insert products were evaluated for installation, operation and maintenance requirements and performance during monitored rain event. In general, the evaluated products required significant monthly maintenance and performed poorly during the rain event.

II. Reporting

- a. WQIP Annual Report framework is currently being developed as part of a regional effort.

III. Special TRV WMA Sediment Study Preparation

- a. Work products, study overview, anticipated report sections, desktop parcel prioritization process, and field evaluation process were discussed. A handout with talking points was distributed (attached).

Discussion included:

Schedule—the project team noted that the desktop analysis was complete. Field work was expected to begin within 1-3 weeks and a draft report produced by mid-May 2016.

The likely results of Phase I will potentially identify geographic areas of concern, typical land uses, or other categories that contribute sediment. BMPs may also be able to be identified that are typically failing or working.

Potential sources of sediment within the City of Imperial Beach include: unvegetated lawns, animal facilities, unpaved alleys.

The transfer and use of City of San Diego LiDAR data for the special study may provide value to the consultant team. Consultant team is to follow up on the data transfer details and provide a data usability analysis.

The group discussed potential opportunities to dovetail special study results with the native habitat restoration going on in San Diego County.

The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department has a very sophisticated process with the EIR/permitting process in place to address access roads and public easements in habitat areas.

IV. Other

It was suggested that a stormwater person from the City of San Diego attend the Metro JPA meetings and to investigate the stormwater benefits from the ongoing native habitat restoration projects under San Diego Public Utilities Department.

The Tijuana River Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) bioassessment sampling was summarized:

Based on the site recon for the southern strata (including SD Bay and Tijuana watersheds), one site in the Tijuana watershed was selected for bioassessment sampling this year. The site is located on Potrero Creek, an intermittent creek (32.5978247, -116.6568758). SMC bioassessment sampling, including benthic macroinvertebrates, algae, CRAM, physical habitat, water chemistry, hydromodification screening, and channel engineering, was conducted on March 23.