

**San Diego Bay Watershed Management Area Copermittee
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2016 10:00am
City of San Diego, 9370 Chesapeake Dr., Room SW2**

-Attendees:

Organization
Amec Foster Wheeler (Amec)
Caltrans
City of Chula Vista (CV)
City of Coronado (COR)
City of Imperial Beach (IB)
City of La Mesa (LM)
City of Lemon Grove (LG)
City of National City (NC)
City of San Diego (SD)
County of San Diego (County)
D-Max Engineering, Inc. (D-Max)
Port of San Diego (Port)
SDCRAA (Airport)

- 1. Call to order:** 10:03am
- 2. Roll Call**
 - All participants introduced themselves.
- 3. Time for public to speak on items not on the agenda**
 - No members of the public were present at the meeting.
- 4. Approve meeting minutes from September 20 and October 18 meeting**
 - Meeting minutes were approved without further modification or edits.
- 5. Comments on first draft of the WQIP annual report**
 - A number of comments on the WQIP annual report first draft require further discussion and direction from the Copermittees.
 - A. Executive summary and introduction**
 - 1) Level of detail
 - a. The executive summary and introduction should be trimmed down of and streamlined to only discuss most important highlights.
 - b. The executive summary should be organized by water quality condition and area.
 - c. Table ES-1 in executive summary Imperial Beach needs to be removed from Physical Aesthetics in Table ES-1
 - 2) Compiling and presenting results in the executive summary and introduction
 - a. Strategy implementation numbers. Because of variation in strategy types, targeted conditions, and metrics used to track strategy implementation (e.g., volume vs. weight) is tracked, strategy implementation numbers will be kept at the jurisdictional or highest priority or focused priority area level.

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- b. Additional monitoring numbers. The group decided that monitoring data in the executive summary and introduction should focus on conditions with numeric goals. Additional monitoring details will be provided in the monitoring appendix.
- 3) Monitoring section
 - a. Similar to the discussion of monitoring in the executive summary and introduction, the group decided this section should focus on monitoring related to conditions that have numeric goals and refer to the monitoring appendix for details on additional monitoring results.
- 4) Assessment and progress towards goals
 - a. The assessment and progress towards goals discussions for each condition with numeric goals will be merged, however monitoring discussion will remain as a separate discussion with its own heading.

B. Main document

- 1) Sections 1 and 2 reorganization
 - a. Section 1 should only include information on highest and focused priority conditions and introductory content.
 - b. Section 2 should only include information about goals and strategies
 - i. Table 2-2 includes strategy numbers (naming convention) without any information. Suggest to remove the strategy numbers and have an "X" in the column/row if it is implemented, along with an example in the text for each strategy as a lead up explanation. Move the table with the detailed strategy numbering to the appendix.
- 2) Goals and strategies
 - a. A Section 2.1 should be added to give a small background on how conditions/goals/strategies were chosen (similar to the WQIP).

C. Monitoring Appendix 4

- 1) Highest and focused priority conditions
 - a. The data used for the Physical Aesthetics progress towards goals calculations should be outlined and discussed in further detail.
 - b. A definition of "optimal" trash score should be added to the section and to the executive summary.
 - c. There should be new sections for the monitoring for the focused priority conditions, specifically Physical Aesthetics and Swimmable Waters.
- 2) AB411
 - a. AB411 should not be called out as a special study. Revise the language to state that it is not a special study but it is "additional data" that is available. This mainly affects Port and COR.

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- 3) Differences between the monitoring appendix and the main document
 - a. The monitoring appendix should be more of a stand-alone document that includes more detailed information such as the number of sites, rainfall dates, analytes monitored, etc.
 - b. It was suggested to look at the MS4 outfall assessment for flow rates and potentially the percent of irrigation runoff.

D. Additional comments

- 1) WMAA
 - a. The WMAA update and discussion will be added to Section 9 Adaptive Management and will be included as an attachment. A draft of the BMP design manual can also be included.

6. Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) update

- A survey was sent out to Copermittees, jurisdictions, and stakeholders to get feedback on what aspects of the Permit that the ROWD should address.
- A WebEx meeting was held to discuss the results of the ROWD survey and get additional clarification from jurisdictions on their survey input.
- Initial research indicates the San Diego Permit requires more wet weather MS4 outfall monitoring than most other storm water permits in the State. Modifications to the wet weather MS4 outfall monitoring program will likely be requested in the ROWD to make the program more useful and efficient.
- Initial indications from the Regional Board are that they are not expecting to make major changes to the Permit in when it is reissued in 2018.
- The PPS will provide input and direction on the development of the ROWD. No ROWD ad hoc group is planned for now.

7. San Diego Bay Watershed text for Project Clean Water

- The Project Clean Water website is being updated to be more user-friendly and to meet the Regional Clearinghouse requirements. As part of this process, the content in the overview page for each watershed is also being updated.
- The County distributed the revised San Diego Bay watershed overview content to the group. Edits included updating information that has become outdated and including information about how the public can participate.
- Suggestions from the Copermittees included breaking up the content into multiple pages, with one main page that has links to other pages for more details, adding highlights of the watershed, and adding pictures or graphics.
- Any other comments or suggestions by the Copermittees should be submitted within the next two weeks. The site is schedule to go live in December 2016 or January 2017.
- The County will provide user names and passwords to the same people who currently have access to the Project Clean Water site so that they can make additional updates after the site goes live.

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8. Other items (time permitting; no action will be taken)

- Jurisdictional Runoff Management Plan (JRMP) updates:
 - November 9: deadline for 2nd draft
 - December 6: deadline for final draft
- Brock Bernstein, a member of the Amec team who specializes in monitoring and statistical analysis, recently submitted helpful comments on the monitoring appendix. The appendix is being updated based on these comments.
- Amec is preparing for the wet weather season, including obtaining encroachment permits and conducting installation of equipment. Updates on monitoring progress will be provided at future meetings.
- A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Otay River Estuary Restoration Project, prepared by US Fish and Wildlife has been completed. The proposed project includes restoration of about 125 acres of habitat in the WMA. The DEIS is available at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/San_Diego_Bay/what_we_do/Resource_Management/Otay_Restoration/Otay_River_Estuary_Restoration_Project.html.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.