

**San Diego Bay Watershed Management Area Copermittee
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2017 10:00am
County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472**

Attendees:

Organization
Amec Foster Wheeler (Amec)
Caltrans (via telephone)
City of Chula Vista (CV)
City of Coronado (COR)
City of Imperial Beach (IB)
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:** 10:05am

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 February 21 meeting**

Motion to approve: Airport

Second the motion: IB

- The minutes were unanimously approved without further modification or edit.
- **Action item:** D-MAX will post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website.

5. **FY 2018 Workplan and Budget (VOTING ITEMS)**

A. Overall Watershed Shared Costs

- The vote on the overall Watershed budget will be postponed until the next Copermittee meeting in April since not all jurisdictional representatives are present.
- Specific costs:
 - Phase 2 Monitoring Support Services will be completely under the IB contract and no longer split with County.
 - Phase 3 Reporting and Assessment Services increased the budget for additional draft, data analyses, and comments.
 - Phase 4 As-Needed Services budget amount was reduced to \$50,000, but will still cover any additional services if needed, such as watershed-specific Permit reissuance comments.
 - Phase 05 SMC Monitoring budget will remain the same as the previous year, and is budgeted for the maximum amount (4) of potential sites.

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- Phase 6 RMAR Services budget was significantly reduced since the next RMAR will not be due for another three years. Budget still remains in the phase to wrap up the 2016 RMAR and address any remaining comments, attend regional meetings, etc.
- Phase 07 will be added for Bight '18 costs including regional meetings, the work plan, coordination, etc.
- The total to be voted on is \$430,932. The cost share formula uses a standard 45/45/10 with a 10% contract administration fee to IB.
- **Action item:** Amec will update the SOW to reflect the budget of \$50,000 in phase 04.

B. Chollas Creek TMDL monitoring shared costs

- The vote on the Chollas Creek TMDL Monitoring Shared Costs is postponed until the next Copermittee meeting in April since not all jurisdictional representatives are present.
- SD will be leading the Chollas Creek TMDL Monitoring. The total estimated cost for the labor and effort is \$58,212. The budget is subject to change until finalized and will only affect the Chollas Group participants.
- In addition, SD is proposing a 5% contract administration fee for all Chollas Creek participants.
- The total to be voted on is \$61,122.94. The cost share uses a special formula.

6. Discuss Regional Monitoring and Assessment Report (RMAR) comments

- The consulting team held a conference call with the subgroup committee on March 9, 2017 to discuss certain topics and sections of the RMAR. The remaining comments to be discussed are along the same themes of the comments discussed during the conference call.
- A number of comments need further discussion and direction from the Copermittees.

A. Integrated Assessments

- There was a discussion of whether the following data should be used in the A.4 Integrated Assessments: Special Studies, Coastkeeper data, SMC data, and AB 411.
- Special Studies
 - Data from the Chollas TMDL monitoring will be used in the A.4 assessments, per the instruction from the City.
 - Data from the Jurisdictional Boundary study will be used in the A.4 assessments, however the water effects ration (WER) will be applied when assessing metals data.
 - San Diego Bay Debris Study, Reference Streams and Beaches, Riparian Area, and Trash, Debris, and Other Floating Material in Chollas and Paleta Creeks do not have water quality objectives (WQOs) to use and therefore will not be used in the A.4 assessments.
 - Sediment Quality Monitoring at the Mouth of Chollas Creek will only be used as a basic summary and not in the A.4 assessment.

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- SMC data should be used in the A.4 assessments. The sites will be grouped by HA or waterbody instead of analyzing separately. A map will be provided in the RMAR to show how the sites are grouped.
- The raw data for AB 411 should be used in the A.4 assessments.
- Third party data from nonprofits: unclear to what extent the data should be used in the RMAR. The group agreed that ideally there should be regional consistency among the watersheds on how the data is used.
- **Action item:** County and SD staff will discuss use of third party data and provide a recommendation to the watershed groups.

B. Airport critical beneficial use section

- There was a comment to remove the Airport's section from the receiving water condition assessment because the Airport does not a receiving water goal their jurisdiction.
- Although the Airport does not have a receiving water body within their jurisdiction, they are still contributing to the protection of critical beneficial uses and the overall San Diego Bay receiving water.
- A footnote will be added in Table 9-3 and language will be modified to clarify the Airport's participation; their progress towards goals will be included in the text
- **Action item:** Airport to send Amec language for the footnote and modified section language.

C. Physical Aesthetics Focused Priority section

- Receiving water data is not a goal for Physical Aesthetics and should be clarified as such in the text.
- The receiving water data will be included in the RMAR as an attachment but will not be processed through the A.4 assessment.

D. Timelines and dates of datasets

- Critical beneficial use assessments will use the same datasets as used for progress toward goal assessments in the 2015-2016 WQIP Annual Report.
- For the A.4 Assessments, data will be used from 2007 through 2016 to include data from the past two permit cycles.
- WQIP re-evaluations will focus on data collected in monitoring years 2013-2014 through 2015-2016 since the initial prioritization process prepared during WQIP development already considered data before that period.

E. Re-Evaluation of the WQIP

- Any information that comes out of the A.4 assessment and persistent exceedances will be used in the WQIP re-evaluation.
- Appendices E and F will be updated with any new persistent exceedances that have not already been processed through multiple lines of evidence and the priority condition assessment.

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- In addition, the MS4 and receiving water data will be evaluated to potentially fill any data gaps existing from the WQIP.
- As part of the re-evaluation, conditions may need to be highlighted as new highest or focused priority condition, although this is expected to be unlikely.
 - If a new highest or focused priority condition emerges, then it is proposed to update the WQIP during the next Annual Report.
- Through the submittal of the RMAR (as part of the ROWD), the Regional Board will be informed of any proposed changes to priorities as a result of the re-evaluation. The process and timeline of revising the WQIP itself is still under discussion.

F. Nutrients as persistent exceedances

- A discussion of general WQIP strategies that address nutrients will be included in the RMAR integrated assessment section.
 - Language will include that phosphorus is a nutrient that is being addressed by multiple strategies in the WQIP; the language will also list specific examples of those strategies.

G. Attachment 9F

- Clarifying text will be added to Attachment 9F providing a purpose and description of each of the tables presented.
- When a specific table from Attachment 9F is referenced in the main body of the RMAR chapter, for clarity the specific table number will be referenced rather than only referencing Attachment 9F.

H. Regional Harbor Monitoring Program (RHMP)

- The RHMP section needs some reorganization to include clear steps of the program and how the data was used. In addition, language should be added to discuss the overall Bight and ABLM programs.

I. Executive Summary

- An executive summary is being prepared and should be submitted in early to mid-April.

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

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2017 from 10am to 12pm at County Operation, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:56am.