

**Tijuana River Watershed Management Area  
Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2017 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 451**

**Attendees:**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Names</b>
City of Imperial Beach (IB)	Wbaldo Arellano
City of San Diego (SD)	Brianna Menke
	Heather Krish
	Julia Chase
County of San Diego (County)	Rouya Rasoulzadeh (WPP)
	Melanie Tylke (DPR)
	Joanna Wisniewska (WPP)
Amec Foster Wheeler, a Wood Group Company (Amec)	Matt Rich
	Brenda Stevens
D-MAX Engineering, Inc. (D-MAX)	John Quenzer
Dudek (Dudek)	Bryn Evans

Notes: WPP – Watershed Protection Program, DPR – Department of Parks and Recreation

1. **Call to order:** 8:30 am
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 minutes from previous meeting**

County motioned to approve the minutes from the October 2017 meeting. SD seconded. Meeting minutes were approved without further edits or revisions.

- **Action item:** D-MAX will post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website.

5. **Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team update**

- Funds from SB507 are being reallocated. Of the \$2M reallocated, approximately \$1.5M will go toward the planned campground facilities, \$50,000-\$75,000 will be spent on updating the TRVRT strategy, and the remainder (\$450,000) will fund special studies in the Tijuana River Valley.
- The TRVRT was approached by the local equestrian association with concerns that trails would be closed or inaccessible during construction activities for the campground. SD and County will work with them to try to accommodate their concerns.
- The Border Patrol is replacing an approximately 14-mile segment of border wall in April 2018.
- The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) is discussing a potential agreement with the International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) in place of issuing an Investigative Order (IO).
- Mexico provided data related to the Hydrology and Hydraulics (H&H) Study to the IBWC. The data were provided to SD and the Army Corps of Engineers to be incorporated into the H&H report. Agreement is currently pending USACE final approval

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of SOW and CSA. . Goat Canyon and Yogurt Canyon were added to the scope of Phase II.

- Beginning January 2018, Carlos Pena will be taking over for Steve Smullen in the role of Area Operations Manager for the IBWC.

**6. FY17 WQIP Annual Report and executive summary**

- Amec has received most jurisdictional data to be included in the report. Outstanding items include strategy highlights from SD, certification statements, JRMP forms, and JRMP and BMP design Manual updates.
- The group reviewed the revised executive summary (ES). The revised format and look was improved. The RAs indicated that the text could be further reduced. The group discussed the regional maps versus a watershed specific map that highlights land area in the U.S. compared to land area in Mexico and determined a watershed specific map is more beneficial for this ES. Other suggestions include:
  - Replace one of the monitoring photos with a map of the monitoring locations.
  - Reduce adaptive management section since there have been no significant changes to the WQIP in this watershed.
  - Add RA logos to the last page.
  - Generalize the regional efforts to make section more public friendly since the document titles do not provide much information on the benefits provided.
  - The executive summary could include more photos. SD will send before and after photos from channel maintenance performed.
  - Highlight RA participation in Minute 320 efforts rather than TRVRT participation.
  - Make the ES a smart document/enable hyperlinks.

Formal comments will be submitted to the consultant team by December 8, 2017.

- In general, the report should be more concise as well.
- **Action Items:**
  - Consultant team to get SD strategy highlights from Tetra Tech.
  - RA comments will be submitted to the consultant team by December 8, 2017. Next draft (preliminary final) will be submitted to the RAs on December 15, 2017.
  - SD will send before and after photos from channel maintenance performed.

**7. Bight Planning update**

Bight 18 workgroup meetings are ongoing. The sediment quality objectives (SQO) workgroup is most applicable to the Tijuana River WMA. It examines the extent and magnitude of water quality impacts and how they vary over time. The Bight work plan is being supported by the County this fiscal year (FY). However, most activities will begin in FY 2017-2018. The next SQO workgroup meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2017. Site selection may occur at this meeting, which would allow for better estimation of funding needs per watershed. Protocols and study design will follow the Bight 13 program.

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- **Action Item:** Amec will provide a summary of Bight 13 costs for the SQO study to allow for estimation of FY 2017-2018 funding needs.

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

Update on action items from previous Watershed Group meeting

(Note that the status provided below is as of the date of the meeting)

- **Re: Approve minutes from previous meeting**

D-MAX will post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website.  *Completed*

- **Re: Watershed Special Study Planning for FY18**

RAs to discuss with their management what they would like to see completed. Add an agenda item for an early 2018 watershed meeting to revisit potential Special Study options.

- **Re: Bight Planning Update**

Agenda item for Bight Planning Updates will be added as-needed.

The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2017 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm at County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 451.