

**San Diego Bay Watershed Management Area Copermittee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2017 10:00am**  
**County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472**

**Attendees:**

<b>Organization</b>
Amec Foster Wheeler (Amec)
City of Chula Vista (CV)
City of Coronado (COR)
City of Imperial Beach (IB)
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: 10:10am**

**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 April 18 meeting**

Motion to approve: CV

Second the motion: Port

- The minutes were unanimously approved without further modification or edit.
- Update on action items:
  - The FY18 watershed budget has been approved through an email vote.
  - A summary of MS4 monitoring will be prepared by Amec before the end of the 2017 fiscal year.
  - **Action item:** Amec and National City will discuss potentially changing their MS4 monitoring site.
  - Updates to the RMAR have been completed by Amec per comments from the jurisdictions. **Action item:** Final Executive Summary comments will be incorporated by Amec and the final will be distributed.
- **Action item:** D-MAX will post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website.

**5. 2017-2018 (FY18) budget approval status update**

**A. Watershed-wide support (contracted through City of Imperial Beach)**

- The FY18 watershed budget has been approved through an email vote conducted by the watershed coordinator. The City of Imperial Beach has completed the contracting so no gap between fiscal years is anticipated.

**B. Chollas TMDL support (contracted through City of San Diego)**

- The Chollas group has met since the April 18 meeting to discuss the budget increase.

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- The County has completed the transfer of their jurisdiction within the Chollas area to SD so they will no longer be part of the Chollas group. This change only affects SD's cost-share formula.
- The 10% shared portion of the watershed budget will minimally increase other parties' budget because there is one less party in the group. The contract management portion of the budget is calculated jurisdictionally so this will not affect the other parties' budgets.
- **Action item:** City of San Diego anticipates sending the final Chollas cost-share formula and budget to the group soon. D-Max will conduct an email vote to approve the Chollas budget.

**6. Regional Monitoring and Assessment report chapter update**

- Comments have been incorporated into the main document. The placeholder language in the recommendations section has been removed. This section may be updated based on the regional chapters of the RMAR.
- **Action item:** Amec will incorporate Executive Summary comments into the draft. Amec anticipates delivering the final draft of the RMAR to the group by the end of the week.
- **Action item:** Amec will send the current draft to Larry Walker Associates so they may continue drafting the Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD).
- The group will have the opportunity to comment on the regional chapters of the RMAR. If the process of drafting the ROWD creates issues that require changes in the RMAR, this will be done next fiscal year. There is some budget set aside for this purpose.

**7. Fall 2017 Consultation Panel meeting**

- Since the County has moved out of the Chollas group, they must choose another high priority water quality condition. This constitutes a change to the WQIP and therefore a Consultation Panel meeting. The meeting is currently scheduled for September 2017. If any other jurisdictions have changes to make to the WQIP, they can be discussed in this meeting as well.
  - The County will use internal staff or obtain contractors themselves to complete any required work. Only the Consultation Panel Meeting would be cost-shared with the watershed group. The meeting is currently in the Scope of Work for FY18.
- Trash amendment letters are anticipated from the State Board no later than June 2017. These letters may affect the Physical Aesthetics group in the watershed, also potentially leading to changes to the WQIP. If this occurs, the group will likely follow the same process used for the Otay Hydromodification plan.
- Other issues the watershed group may consider before or to discuss during the Consultation Panel meeting include:
  - SD may propose an alternative scenario to a cost-share plan.
  - After the trash amendments have been released, the WQIP prioritization process may need to be reviewed. The question regarding having acceptable water quality standards may need to be removed from the process.

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- LM has met one of their interim goals and completed a project. The Regional Board may ask them to start another project ahead of schedule to continue progress toward their final goal. Other jurisdictions may want to consider this as they meet interim goals in the next fiscal year.
- The Regional Board has commented that they will accept changing goals based on data gaps but not because the jurisdictions think they may not meet their goals. Proposals to change goals or high priority water quality conditions need more reasoning than a TMDL, Investigative Order, or completed project.

**8. WQIP administrative changes**

- The Otay Hydromodification was more than an administrative change to the WQIP, and it was addressed at the Consultation Panel meeting in the fall of 2016. The Regional Board confirmed by email after the 90 day comment period that the change was accepted.
- The Airport Authority had a minor change to their numeric goals. Other changes only include wording updates in the strategy lists.
- **Action item:** The question of how to update the WQIPs will be brought to the PPS to be discussed on a regional basis. A potential option is to include a separate section on the Project Clean Water website for updates, and provide links to updated WQIPs and JRMPs.
- The Regional Board may still send letters regarding final comments on the Annual Reports in July. They are focusing on the trash amendments before their final decisions are complete for the Annual Reports.

**9. Regional Board Environmental Justice Symposium: Saturday, June 10**

- The Environmental Justice Symposium in Barrio Logan is on Saturday, June 10 from 10am-3pm. It is open to the public and the Regional Board will be attending. The focus is on San Diego Bay, Chollas Creek, Paradise Creek, and strategies regarding shellfish harvesting, consumption, and recreational activities.

**10. OES hazard mitigation grant opportunity**

- Jurisdictions that still want to submit applications for this grant are due by June 15. It has been known to fund projects such as storm drain repairs in the past.

**11. Jurisdictional updates**

- The CASQA quarterly meeting was last week. Discussions points included:
  - Trash amendments:
    - The State Board plans to issue Investigative Order letters no later than June 2, 2017. It is anticipated that a visual assessment will be outlined as the primary method for assessing trash.
    - September 1, 2017 is the deadline for jurisdictions to file a Notice of Intent indicating whether they will follow Track 1 or Track 2.
    - The first deliverable is due to the Regional Board on December 1, 2018. Jurisdictions on Track 1 will be required to include an updated MS4 and priority land use map in this deliverable. The map will show locations for

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where full capture BMPs will be installed. Jurisdictions on Track 2 will be required to submit an implementation plan including descriptions of structural and non-structural BMPs that will be implemented for this deliverable. It will also include an updated monitoring plan, and a baseline will be established by the time of this deliverable.

- The State Board will be releasing training on how to conduct visual assessments of trash, as well as fact sheets on different BMPs and links to manufacturers' websites. Another anticipated requirement is that all data will have to be uploaded to SMARTS in the future.
- **Action item:** A subgroup meeting coordinated by the watershed coordinator will be schedule after the State Board releases the Investigative Order letters.
- LM has received some attention from the Regional Board after a resident contacted the Regional Board directly about groundwater seepage near their property. LM is addressing the issue, but this may have some impact on how other jurisdictions approach assessing and reporting dry weather discharges in the future.
- **Action item:** D-Max will distribute notes taken at the CASQA quarterly meeting to the watershed group.

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

No other items were proposed for discussion.

The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2017 from 10am to 12pm at County Operation, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Room 472.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.