

**San Diego Bay Watershed Management Area &
Tijuana River Watershed Management Area
Copermittee Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2018 10:00am-12:00pm
County of San Diego, 5510 Overland Ave., Room 472, San Diego, CA 92123**

Attendees:

Organization	Names	San Diego Bay WMA	Tijuana River WMA
SDCRAA (Airport)	Richard Gilb Katherine Sharp (Wood)	X	
City of Chula Vista (CV)	Marisa Soriano Kimberly Valenzuela	X	
City of Coronado (COR)	Jessie Powell	X	
City of Imperial Beach (IB)	Wbaldo Arellano	X	X
City of Lemon Grove (LG)	Mike James (phone)	X	
City of San Diego (SD)	Jim Harry	X	
	Joe Cosgrove	X	X
	Brianna Menke		X
County of San Diego (County)	Stephanie Gaines	X	
Port of San Diego (Port)	Stephanie Bauer	X	
Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood)	Matt Rich	X	X
	Sarah Seifert	X	
	Brenda Stevens		X
D-Max Engineering, Inc. (D-Max)	John Quenzer	X	X
Dudek	Bryn Evans		X
Caltrans	Roya Yazdanifard (phone)	X	

1. Call to order: 10:05 am

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

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

No members of the public were present.

4. New Regional Board staff contact for SD Bay and TJ watersheds

Helen Yu is the new San Diego Water Board contact for both San Diego Bay and Tijuana River watersheds. The groups have extended an invitation for her to attend the February 2019 meeting to review the Annual Report Executive Summaries and answer any questions she may have. She has so far expressed interest in attending.

5. FY18 San Diego Bay WQIP Annual Report

The San Diego Bay Annual Report schedule for remaining deliverables is:

- Preliminary Final due to Copermittees December 21, 2018.
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6. Draft FY20 San Diego Bay and Tijuana River budgets

The revised estimated budgets for FY20 were reviewed. The revised estimate assumes receiving water monitoring will occur in FY21 instead of the first year of the new Permit term (assumed FY20; presuming the new Permit will be adopted in Fall 2019). The WQIP update is still planned for FY20. These assumptions minimize the amount of budget increase over the 5-year term and will allow the group to implement any changes to the receiving water monitoring program required per the new Permit.

Another option to reduce the budget for FY20, or the 5-year cycle, is to eliminate the As-Needed budget, which has historically been used very little.

The groups plan to vote on the FY20 budgets at the January meeting.

San Diego Bay:

The current credit estimate assumes a rollover of approximately \$20,000 from unused budget on the Bight Tasks, and \$20,000 of unspent budget allocated for As-Needed Tasks.

Overall, the budget for FY20 is approximately a 25% increase from FY19 due to the WQIP update.

Tijuana River:

There is also no need for a special study in the watershed in FY20. No special study funds will be included in the FY20 budget.

The current credit estimate assumes a rollover of approximately \$20,000 from unused budget on the Bight Tasks, and \$10,000 of unspent budget allocated for As-Needed Tasks.

Overall, the budget for FY20 is approximately a 20% increase from FY19 due to the WQIP update.

7. Approve minutes from previous meeting - VOTE

Combined San Diego Bay and Tijuana River WMAs:

County motioned to approve meeting minutes from October 2018 (no November meeting was held) as amended by comments provided. SD seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved as amended. All aye.

Present for vote for San Diego Bay WMA: Port, IB, County, SD, CV, Airport, and COR

Present for vote for Tijuana River WMA: SD, IB, and County

8. Monitoring Update

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Wet weather monitoring is complete for this year. All five Tijuana River WMA outfalls and one San Diego Bay outfall site were monitored during the November 29-30, 2018 event. The remaining San Diego Bay sites were sampled during the December 5-6, 2018 storm event. Sampling was completed in accordance with the respective monitoring plans. However, the composite sample at La Mesa in San Diego Bay ran longer than 24 hours to collect sufficient volume for the required analyses.

The SMC technical group will be meeting in January. They plan to discuss the FY20-24 survey, which will focus on BMP effectiveness. They have asked if agencies/TMDL program leads can provide information on location of current BMPs.

The call for data for the next 303(d) listing has been issued. The State is requesting data to support the next round of 303d listing evaluations. The last integrated report only included data through 2010. Agencies can submit data for consideration to the State Water Resources Control Board through June 14, 2019 at 5:00pm.

9. Grant opportunities

Wood provided a hand-out outlining some of the grant opportunities, and the process for pursuing these opportunities. It was suggested that agencies subscribe to the grant organization's list serve so that notifications are generated, since deadlines and funding often change for grants.

The IRWM grant round 1 application is due January 11, 2019. For both IRWM and the SWRP, projects must first be registered in the OPTI database. For these projects, points are often increased for projects involving DAC (Dis-Advantaged Communities), and for projects that are partnered with other agencies.

Statewide grants can be found on the FFAST website (shown in the handout).

Grant opportunities still open include those listed below.

Program*	Project Types	Available Funds	Award Amounts
SWRCB Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program	Storm water treatment (green infrastructure) implementation, multi-benefit projects preferred	Approx. \$90M	Approx. \$500k - \$10M
Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grants	Multi-benefit projects, including storm water treatment, flood control, water supply enhancement, etc. See pages 9-12 of the guidelines for details.	Approx. \$15.4M for round 2 (regional), ~\$19M available for round 3, ~30% of funds for round 2 and 3 are for projects benefitting DACs	Approx. \$100k - \$10M
Watershed Protection and Restoration Program	Water quality and supply, Watershed restoration, Habitat enhancement programs	~ \$4 M	Awarded will depend on the quality of the proposals submitted, made as reimbursement only
BEACH Act grant https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-	For eligible coastal and Great Lakes states, territories, and tribes to develop and implement beach monitoring and notification programs	California \$425,000	\$9,331,000

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10. Different location for January meeting: Wood offices

The January watershed meeting will be at Wood offices at 9177 Sky Park Court, San Diego, CA 92123 at 10am on January 15, 2019. The meeting will be in the regular format with an additional stormwater lab tour at the end. An optional materials lab tour will follow as well.

No other agencies have suggested alternative meeting locations at this time.

11. FY18 Tijuana River WQIP Annual Report

The current Tijuana River WMA Annual Report Preliminary Final was distributed on December 12, 2018. A list of major changes from the Revised Draft to the Preliminary Final was sent with the draft. Changes include:

- Based on comments received, discussion of progress towards goals now states that the Copermittees are currently meeting the interim (2018 and 2023) and final 2028 sediment load reduction goals in the Tijuana River WMA, based on data collected to date. While available data shows these goals are being met, actual attainment of the goals cannot be measured until the goals are due and data for the full period to which the goal applies has been collected. For this reason, language regarding the impact of recent drought conditions on data collected to date and generally regarding the impact of rainfall variation on sediment transport and the measured sediment loading is still included. Progress toward the 2023 interim goal and 2028 final permit term goal will continue to be evaluated in future annual reports as more data is collected and becomes available to be incorporated into the assessment.
- One more strategy write up is still needed (City of San Diego, Catch Basin Cleaning Optimization); to be provided by SD.
- Regarding Table 4-6 (List of Non-Detects), a comment was received to add language proposing no longer sampling these analytes. The Permit has a minimum list of analytes, but there is some flexibility in the list. Language was added indicating removal of these analytes may be considered, but does not make any commitments for now. The issue can be addressed with the WQIP and MAP updates once the new Permit is adopted.
- There was a general consensus that a new highest priority condition should not be considered until after the new Permit is adopted, and the IBWC issues have been somewhat resolved. Based on the most recent Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team meeting, data collected under the new IBWC monitoring program that includes up to 20 sites in Mexico may be made publically available. Dudek will provide language to be added to the annual regarding the IBWC monitoring efforts.
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12. Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Update

The Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team (TRVRT) is considering emerging potential water quality conditions of trash or bacteria as priority conditions. However, discussion of priority conditions may be on hold until after more data are available. The IBWC is moving ahead with monitoring at 18-20 locations in Mexico.

One ongoing problem is wastewater being released into the River due to failure of sewer systems in Mexico. In wet weather, wastewater is also diverted to the river. However, these wastewater discharges are beyond the scope of the Copermittees' MS4 Permit. The monitoring in Mexico is occurring as a precursor to the proposed TMDL, but the timeline for the TMDL may be held up by the ongoing lawsuit as well.

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

No additional items were discussed.

Action items:

1. **D-Max** - Post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website
2. **D-Max** – Distribute Annual Report certification language
3. **D-MAX/SD** – Provide Wood final strategy tables and updates by January 4, 2019.
4. **Copermittees** – Review FY20 estimated budget and provide concerns to D-Max/Wood before January Copermittee meeting.
5. **Copermittees** – Review the Preliminary Final drafts of the annual reports and provide comments to Wood by January 4, 2019.
6. **Copermittees** – Provide signed certification statements to Wood by January 11, 2019.
7. **Dudek** – Provide Wood write up to be included in Annual Report regarding data that will be available from the IBWC's monitoring program in Mexico.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am. The next meeting will be tentatively held on January 15, 2018 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Wood's office, 9177 Sky Park Ct, San Diego, CA 92123.