

SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN WORKGROUP

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER
5510 OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 451, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017 10:00-12:00PM

MEETING ATTENDEES (*VOTING MEMBERS)

- Cecilia Tipton, City of Santee*
- Jim Harry, City of San Diego*
- John Phillips, City of El Cajon *
- Joe Kuhn, City of La Mesa*
- Ruth de la Rosa, County of San Diego*
- Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego
- Joanna Wisniewska, County of San Diego
- Sheri Dister, Weston Solutions
- John Quenzer, D-Max Engineering
- Antonia Estevez-Olea, Larry Walker Associates

AGENDA ITEM 3: OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

No members of the public were present.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY – VOTING ITEM

The June 14, 2017 meeting summary was approved as amended. Cecilia motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by John. (Vote: 5, 0, 0; Yes, No, Absent).

AGENDA ITEM 5: WATER QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE

Sheri from Weston Solutions provided the following monitoring updates:

- Dry weather samples were collected at each monitoring station on June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2017 for the Bacteria TMDL Monitoring Program. Dry weather monitoring is performed five times per month between April 1st and September 30th of each monitoring year. **Table 1** provides the location, weather condition, and indicators exceeding single sample maximum water quality objectives.

Table 1. Bacterial Exceedances at San Diego River Sampling Locations

Site Type	Site ID	6/1/17	6/8/17	6/15/17	6/22/2017	6/29/217
Freshwater Creek Site*	SDR-FC1	Enterococcus, E. coli, Fecal coliform	Enterococcus, E. coli, Fecal coliform	Enterococcus, E. coli, Fecal coliform	Enterococcus, E. coli, Fecal coliform	Enterococcus, E. coli, Fecal coliform
	SDR-FC2	Enterococcus & E. coli	None	None	Enterococcus & E. coli	None
	SDR-CDE	None	None	None	None	Enterococcus
	SDR-MLS	Enterococcus & E. coli	Enterococcus	Enterococcus	Enterococcus & E. coli	Enterococcus & E. coli
Beach Site**	FM-010	None	None	None	None	None

*Freshwater sample results for Enterococcus and fecal coliform are compared to MS4 Permit receiving water limitations for creeks, which are consistent with Basin Plan single sample maximum REC-1 water quality objectives for freshwater designated beach.

**Marine sample results compared to MS4 Permit receiving water limitations for beaches, which are based upon California Ocean Plan water quality objectives.

Cecilia is concerned by the high bacteria levels reported at Forester Creek (SDR-FC1 and SDR-FC2). Sheri will ask the project manager in charge of the watershed’s monitoring program to determine if budget is available to conduct an investigation. She mentioned that it takes about a week to receive monitoring results, so conducting an investigation when high concentrations are present is difficult. The County of San Diego reported they are working on a microbial source tracking (MST) study for dry and wet weather. Joanna said that these sites may be able to be added to the study, but she needs to verify if the addition of these sites is feasible.

Action Item (s):

- Sheri to ask the project manager in charge of watershed’s monitoring program if the group has budget to conduct an investigation.
- Joanna to check if the Forester Creek monitoring stations can be added to the MST.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REGIONAL MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT REPORT (RMAR)

Sheri sent the final SDR WMA RMAR individual chapter to the workgroup on June 23, 2017. Per the City of San Diego’s request, Sections 8.3.1.7 and 8.5.3 were re-inserted to the final draft. The sections recommend for storm drain outfall monitoring to be conducted for bifenthrin and surfactants. Sheri stated that costs for this additional monitoring could increase by about \$3,000.

Weston also received comments on the RMAR regional chapter. Currently, Weston is waiting on the MS4 Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) findings to finalize the RMAR regional chapter. Chapter one of the RMAR will be released for review when completed. The RMAR will be

submitted with the ROWD in December 2017. All WMAs individual chapters have been submitted to Weston for compilation.

AGENDA ITEM 7: WQIP ANNUAL REPORTING PLANNING

John Quenzer from D- Marx Engineering received feedback from Christina Arias from the San Diego Regional Water Board regarding the FY2015/2016 WQIP Annual Report. John summarized the following feedback from the Regional Water Board to the Workgroup:

- In general, the FY2016/2017 report did a good job at explaining permit term goals and describing what jurisdictions are doing to address highest and priority water quality conditions.
- The annual report should be more public friendly (i.e., easier to read and aesthetically pleasant), and should serve as a tool to educate the public.
 - The County of San Diego had a similar suggestion. Sheri presented examples of reports that are more public friendly.
- The Regional Water Board would like to see more discussion on long-term goals. Additionally, water quality data should be used to evaluate if the strategies implemented by jurisdictions are improving the water quality.
 - Sheri stated that this recommendation could be added to Section 3. Trend analyses could be included to present changes in water quality.

It is unknown if the Regional Water Board will provide written comments to individual WMA Workgroups. Jim reported that the Regional Water Board might issue a letter to all WMAs discussing general comments.

Sheri presented the FY2016/2017 SDR WMA WQIP Annual Report Preparation Draft Schedule. She asked PAs to review internally to determine if data can be provided by the tentative dates in **Table 2**. PAs to notify Sheri and John of any issues with schedule.

Table 2. WQIP Annual Report Preparation Draft Schedule

Item	Description	Due Date
Field Screening and Persistent Flow Discharge Monitoring Data	PAs provide dry weather monitoring data and rank/priority of outfalls in data sharing template. Analytical data may be provided as EDDs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County will be able to provide the data after September 31st. 	9/8/2017
IDDE Program Data	PAs provide IDDE program data in IDDE data template.	9/8/2017
Jurisdictional Strategies and Schedules and Meeting	PAs complete strategies table for Appendix 2.	8/31/2017
TMDL Report	PAs review Draft Bacteria TMDL report.	11/6/2017

1st Draft Report	First draft WQIP AR is provided to PAs for review.	11/10/2017
2nd Draft Report	Second draft (draft final) WQIP AR is provided to PAs to review. Will include Final TMDL report.	12/15/2017
Final Report	Final WQIP AR submitted for approval and management signature.	1/19/2018

Action Item (s):

- SDR WMA members to review the WQIP FY2016/2017 draft schedule and determine whether information requested can be delivered by the set dates.

AGENDA ITEM 8: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

The City of San Diego submitted the Famosa Slough TMDL Alternative for nutrients to the Regional Water Board for approval. The proposal is similar to the Alternative TMDL for eutrophication in [Loma Alta Slough](#). Based on the proposal, the City expects the WQIP to be updated in the FY2019-2020. The Regional Board would like to start on compliance as soon as possible. Hence, the City will update its Jurisdictional Runoff Management Plan (JRMP) and its WQIP jurisdictional strategies to address nutrients. Progress will be reported in the WQIP annual reports. If the City does not meet the TMDL Alternative goals, a TMDL will be developed.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER ITEMS

Clem Brown, formerly with the City of San Diego, left his position to pursue an opportunity with the City of Del Mar. His position at the City of San Diego will be filled with current staff until a new Program Manager is hired.

The County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program, Science, Monitoring, and Policy Group is accepting applications for a Land Use/Environmental Planner III position.

The City of El Cajon is hiring a new Public Works Director.

AGENDA ITEM 11: NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2017 from 10:00 – 12:00 pm. Send agenda items to Ruth and Antonia by Wednesday, August 2, 2017.