

**SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA  
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN WORKGROUP**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**CITY OF SANTEE CITY HALL, BUILDING 4  
10601 MAGNOLIA AVE, SANTEE, CA 92071  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 10:00-12:00 PM**

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

| <b>NAMES</b>    | <b>ORGANIZATION</b>     | <b>VOTING MEMBER</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Jim Harry       | City of San Diego       | Yes                  |
| Cecilia Tipton  | City of Santee          | Yes                  |
| John Phillips   | City of El Cajon        | Yes                  |
| Joe Kuhn        | City of La Mesa         | Yes                  |
| Ruth de la Rosa | County of San Diego     | Yes                  |
| Lauren Lindham  | City of Santee          | No                   |
| Aaron Barrall   | City of Santee          | No                   |
| Olin Applegate  | Larry Walker Associates | No                   |

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

No items were discussed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES – VOTING ITEM**

| <b>DESCRIPTION</b>         | <b>APPROVAL OF SDR MEETING SUMMARY (April 11, 2018)</b>          |
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| <b>MOTION</b>              | Motion to approve SDR Meeting Summary from April 11, 2018 as is. |
| <b>MOTIONED BY</b>         | John Phillips  |
| <b>SECONDED BY</b>         | Cecilia Tipton   |
| <b>CALL FOR DISCUSSION</b> | None   |
| <b>CALL TO VOTE</b>        | Motion Passed [5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions]                       |

**AGENDA ITEM 5: SAN DIEGO EAST COUNTY HOMELESS TASK FORCE DISCUSSION**

Cecilia and John attended the San Diego East County Homeless Task Force Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Cecilia provided the following updates from the meeting:

- The meeting was well attended, including the County of Health and Human Services, Homeless Outreach Teams from both the sheriff and the police, Veterans Affairs, executives from the Chambers of Commerce, as well as other NGO Agencies.
- Cecilia spoke with the meeting directors after the meeting; they agreed there is opportunity for the Workgroup to reach out and collaborate on the issue of homelessness and trash.
- The start of a mobile shower program was discussed. This would be appreciated by the homeless community and is already implemented in cities such as San Francisco.

- There was discussion of a possible program that would redeem food coupons to homeless for the removal of a specified amount of trash.
- The next Task Force meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup>, location TBD.
- John commented that the Task Force covers all of East County, which is a large area; however, there are opportunities to team, and piggy back on other efforts in the area.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 6: ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT OF TENTATIVE INVESTIGATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2018-0021

There is an upcoming meeting between the City of San Diego and the County to discuss the potential Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) Study examining exfiltration from public wastewater systems. The Workgroup discussed attending the meeting to strategize a potential implementation plan. The sentiment was that SCCWRP will conduct the study, and jurisdictions can either participate as a group, or be left to conduct their own studies. If jurisdictions participate as a group, an MOU and cost share will be required, and the planning timeline will need to be extended. Specific requirements of the Revised Tentative Investigative Order (IO) were discussed, including the level of analysis that will be required.

The City of Santee has been talking internally about making a request to the Copermittees, and perhaps to the Regional Water Board, to bring in additional responsible parties to the WQIP. For instance, Caltrans is already included, but other parties are accountable and should be included in the WQIP to share in the funding of common issues. Joe mentions it may good to solicit advice from some of the most experienced management at the City of San Diego or the County to better understand the historical reasoning as to why this hasn't already happened. The Workgroup decides this is an interesting point that will warrant further discussion.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 7: WATER QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE

Ruth provided the following information to the Workgroup:

- Weekly dry weather monitoring for the Bacteria TMDL is being conducted, and the report will be distributed soon.
- The recent rain event on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was sampled for Wet Weather TMDL monitoring. This is just outside of the wet season, which ended April 30<sup>th</sup>, but hopefully the Regional Water Board will accept that the results are representative of wet weather.
- Regarding the Geosyntec Study and follow-ups for bacteria TMDL exceedances: Geosyntec is still working on the Workplan, which will be complete around June of this Fiscal Year (FY). The final report will be completed by December 2018.

The Workgroup discussed the use of consultants for dry weather monitoring. El Cajon, Santee, and La Mesa utilize D-Max for this work, while the County utilizes Weston. The Group discussed inviting D-Max present on the pros and cons of sampling outside of set wet and dry seasons.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 8: REQUEST FOR STORMWATER MONITORING COALITION MONITORING DATA

The Regional Water Board requested Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC) data. The request was recalled since the information was already public record.

Three scientists (two from Cal State San Marcos, and one from Italy), are requesting SCCWRP data collected during 2015-16 that is not public yet, but that will be reported in the upcoming Annual Report. The specific request is for diatom algal samples collected from local streams. This is for comparison purposes, as Southern California has a Mediterranean climate similar to that of Cyprus, Italy. The Workgroup agrees that sharing the data is not a problem, but that it would be beneficial for the data to be QA/QC'd by SCCWRP before it is shared. Ruth lets the Workgroup know that Joanna with the County will approach members about this data soon. Workgroup members decide that the organization requesting the data should clarify their request, as the data will be made public soon.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 9: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATE

City of San Diego

- Jim provided updates to the County on the progress of Famosa Slough work, including that the planned date of the Consultation Committee will be July.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER ITEMS

County of San Diego

- The County will be hosting the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) webcast for the quarterly meeting webcast on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A Program Planning Subcommittee (PPS) meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a tour of the Tijuana River Watershed on May 15<sup>th</sup> that is open to everyone. Ruth will forward the invitation to Workgroup members.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 11: FIELD TRIP: CITY OF SANTEE CONCRETE CHANNEL INFILTRATION PILOT PROJECT

The Workgroup took a field trip to a recent infiltration pilot project that was completed by the City of Santee. The project involved the installation of infiltration strips in an existing concrete channel designed to absorb and recharge 100% of dry weather flow. The project was financed under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 84) and was administered by the Department of Water Resources. A map of the project location, as well as images of the field trip, are provided in **Figure 1**.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 12: NEXT RECURRING WORKGROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2018 from 10 – 12 pm. Agenda items should be sent to Ruth and Olin by Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.



Figure 1. City of Santee Field Trip: Project Location (top), and Workgroup Visit to Concrete Channel Infiltration Pilot Project (bottom two images)