

SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN WORKGROUP

MEETING SUMMARY

COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER
5510 OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 472, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019 10:00-12:00 PM

MEETING START 10:05

MEETING ATTENDEES

NAME	ORGANIZATION	VOTING MEMBER
Joe Kuhn	City of La Mesa	Yes
Annica Ly	City of San Diego	Yes
Ruth de la Rosa	County of San Diego	No
Joanna Wisniewska	County of San Diego	Yes
Nick Del Valle	County of San Diego	No
Stephanie Gaines	County of San Diego	No
John Phillips	City of El Cajon	Yes
Roya Yazdanifard	Caltrans	No
Sheri Dister	Weston Solutions	No
Gene Oh	Weston Solutions	No

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 MEETING SUMMARIES – VOTING ITEM

The meeting summary from February 13, 2019 was approved with an amendment defining Joanna as the voting member for the County of San Diego.

DESCRIPTION	APPROVAL OF SDR MEETING SUMMARY February 13, 2019)
MOTION	Motion to approve SDR Meeting Summary from February 13, 2019 (as amended).
MOTIONED BY	John Philips
SECONDED BY	Joanna Wisniewska
CALL FOR DISCUSSION	None
CALL TO VOTE	Motion Passed [4 Yes, 0 No] The City of Santee was not present for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM 5: WATER QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE

Joanna (County of San Diego) provided the following update:

- There was one dry weather and one wet weather event performed during February 2019 for the Bacteria TMDL study.
- The dry weather event was on February 27, and had some exceedances.
- The wet weather event on February 15th exceeded all standards at all stations.
- 151 outfalls are being monitored in the ongoing dry weather MST study at outfalls in Forester Creek. Results are available for 3 of the 4 monitoring events in the study. 11 outfalls had HF-183 detections. At a previous meeting, there was some discussion regarding a potential dry weather threshold to trigger an action such as follow-up studies. There is no established limit. The County is considering a threshold limit of ~450 copies/100 mL as a conservative target. The next update from Geosyntec will be shared when received.

Ruth (County of San Diego) added that there will be an update on the Bight '18 program in April and SMC program in July. Sheri (Weston Solutions) added that she can present wet weather MS4 results in May.

AGENDA ITEM 6: BIOASSESSMENT FIELD TRIP

Joanna and Ruth inquired about interest in a San Diego River field trip. Weston Solutions will showcase how to collect and process bioassessment samples. Fieldwork will include biological sampling and stream assessment to help the group have a more holistic understanding of the process and data that goes into calculating the CSCI upon which the proposed biological objectives are based. The trip would occur in late May/early June as a 2-3 hour commitment. A general interest was confirmed, and Ruth will begin planning for the field trip.

AGENDA ITEM 7: WQIP ANNUAL REPORT IMPROVEMENT IDEAS

Sheri presented some ideas to improve WQIP annual reporting in the San Diego River Watershed. This presentation consisted of four parts.

- Watershed Presentation
 - Emphasize key strategies, presenting watershed statistics, highlight projects, and integrate projects by waterbody
- Challenges and Solutions
 - Convey complexity, emphasizing partnerships and outreach efforts, and demonstrate regional efforts
- Results Integration
 - Diagram monitoring efforts to provide a clearer picture of project relationships, multiple lines of evidence by waterbody, and addressing multiple benefits
- Higher Level Messaging
 - Public friendly presentation potentially using GIS Story Maps and modern data visualization

Ruth transitioned into presenting a draft Scope of Services to the San Diego River WMA Workgroup.

- Task 1 is for the WQIP Annual Report Format Changes and Task 2 is for updates to the Monitoring and Assessment Plan.
- Feedback was requested from the Workgroup in using remaining annual reporting budget on Task 1. This was generally well received. The ability to make report outline changes now would be helpful in getting a head start before the reporting season.
- Stephanie (County of San Diego) is looking to get a response from the Regional Board for some comments and response to previous WQIP reports.
- Joe (City of La Mesa) would like to wait until comments are received from the Regional Board, and it was agreed to wait until feedback from the meeting with the Regional Board to make a decision.
- Joanna will present on the special studies going on in the San Diego River next month.

AGENDA ITEM 8: TENTATIVE INVESTIGATIVE ORDER (MOVED BEFORE ITEM #4 BY REQUEST)

Roya asked if there were any updates since it was postponed. John and Ruth have not heard any information.

- City of La Mesa and Caltrans expressed concern about the lack of communication on the issue, and asked that the County and City of San Diego share information on any coordination if they have it, especially concerning budgeting for next fiscal year.
- Interest was expressed to know the status of work plan development by SCCWRP, involvement by County and City of San Diego.

- Ruth stated that the Tentative Investigative Order (TIO) is still under review and will bring up these concerns with management.
- John had email correspondence with Helen Yu and was told it is postponed until June.
- Stephanie added that the Regional Board has put the Permit renewal as a higher priority item for now.

AGENDA ITEM 9: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATE

Ruth asked if the group had jurisdictional updates.

- Joanna updated on dry weather flow reduction efforts in the County of San Diego. They are looking at flows and sources using isotope analysis and other indicators. An integrated report is coming out later this month from Wood and can be made available to the group.

AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER ITEMS

No other items were given.

AGENDA ITEM 11: NEXT RECURRING WORKGROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April. Ruth has a conflict on the second week and will send out a poll to determine date of next meeting.

Meeting end 11:41 AM.