

**SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA**

**WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN WORKGROUP**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER  
5510 OVERLAND AVE., ROOM 451, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016 1:30-3:30**

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**MEETING ATTENDEES (\*VOTING MEMBERS)**

- Jaime Campos, City of El Cajon\*
- Joe Kuhn, City of La Mesa\*
- Jim Harry, City of San Diego\*
- Cecilia Tipton, City of Santee\*
- Ruth de la Rosa, County of San Diego\*
- Joanna Wisniewska, County of San Diego
- Roya Yazdanifard, Caltrans
- Antonia Estevez-Olea, Larry Walker Associates

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**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.

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY FROM MARCH 9, 2016 – VOTING ITEM**

The April 13, 2016 meeting summary was approved without changes. (Vote: 5-0 in favor)

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**AGENDA ITEM 5: MONITORING UPDATE**

Monitoring updates for April were not available for the meeting. Joanna will email the Monitoring Report to the Workgroup once received.

Joanna requested updates on each jurisdictions dry weather MS4 outfall monitoring program at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The workgroup did not have any updates to provide. Incorporation of each jurisdiction's data will be discussed at a future meeting.

Joanna discussed a few monitoring updates that she will be providing to the Regional Program Planning Subcommittee (PPS) meeting on May 19, 2016:

- Helen Davies (City of Escondido) submitted a memorandum to the Regional Water Board requesting less stringent reporting limits. All the new reporting limits were accepted except for chromium 6.
- Joanna will present a template for ICID. Alternatively, Joanna could also present on the regional and annual WQIP reporting requirements.

Action Item: Joanna will forward the Monitoring Report and Helen Davies’s Memorandum to the Workgroup.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 6: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

- The City of San Diego’s Department of Public Works in conjunction with the San Diego Foundation conducted street cleanups for trash near Qualcomm, which is an area of concern due to the lack of trash controls and surrounding homeless population.
- Caltrans is planning to comply and report in accordance to their Statewide Stormwater Permit (Order No. 2012-0011-DWQ). Moreover, they will continue to participate in the WQIP.
- San Diego River Day is taking place on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The City of Santee is looking for volunteers to staff their booth.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 7. PLANNING FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT

Ruth emailed copies of the Draft Regional Water Quality Improvement Plan Annual Report Framework (WARF) and PPS presentation (from April 21, 2016) for discussion. There was an overall concern regarding the length of the WARF. Ruth explained that several boxes in the framework were “guidance” or “option” boxes that would be deleted during reporting.

The WARF allowed for options to focus the body of the report on the highest priority water quality condition (HPWQC) or HPWQC and priority water quality condition (PWQC). The Workgroup decided to focus the body of report on the HPWQC as long as there was a strong discussion on the PWQCs and that selected strategies had multiple benefits towards not only the HPWQC, but the PWQCs, as well.

Ruth created a preliminary schedule for the WQIP Annual Report (AR) based on the draft framework. The Workgroup agreed to review the draft WQIP AR as whole report, rather than by sections. The initial draft will be due to the Workgroup on the second week of November, a final draft due January 2, 2017, and submission to the Regional Board by January 31, 2017. This schedule will allow for the Workgroup to review and obtain all the signatory requirements.

Ruth with work with the consultant to provide working templates to the Workgroup for the sections of the WARF that require jurisdiction-specific data, specifically Appendix 2: Jurisdiction Runoff Management Program (JRMP Annual Reporting forms, Fiscal Analysis, Strategies, and Changes to the BMP design Manual) and Section 4: Implementation and Progress Towards achieving Goals Review.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 8: FY16-17 SDR WMA WORK PLAN

The work plan needs to be review by the City of El Cajon and the City of Santee before approval.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 9: STORM WATER RESOURCES PLAN “CHECKLIST”

The County of San Diego applied for planning funding under Proposition 1 on behalf of the Regional MS4 Copermittees, to develop a Regional Storm Water Resource Plan. They are expecting to receive a decision from the State by the end of the May. The SDR WMA Workgroup’s estimated cost share was about \$63,000 and is included in the FY 2016-17 budget in case grant funding is denied.

The Regional Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) will be developed by Environmental Science Associates (ESA), and is scheduled to start next fiscal year. Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) will provide an update at the next PPS meeting.

The County of San Diego made a request to each WMA to review the Storm Water Resource Plan Checklist to identify related SDR WQIP sections or determine how much effort would be required to add (low, medium, or greater effort). A completed checklist was provided to the Workgroup for review.

Under the Watershed Identification Section (Guidelines Section VI.A), “The plan describes the general quality and identification of surface and ground water resources within the watershed;” Antonia noted that the SDR WQIP did not address the groundwater basins within the San Diego River watershed; however, groundwater basins are identified in the San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management. This should be verified and updated in the WQIP.

Action Items:

- Jim (City of San Diego) will compare the SDR SWR checklist to their other WQIP Storm Water Resource Plan Checklists to see if more boxes can be checked off. He will report his findings at the next Workgroup meeting.

- Ruth made a note to update the SDR WQIP to include the groundwater basins.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER ISSUES

- Trash and monitoring updates will be given at the next PPS meeting, which will be held on May 19, 2016, from 10:00-12:00 at the County of San Diego offices.
- The Workgroup found the City of San Diego's TCBMP presentation informative. The experience shared is useful as it will help municipalities prevent similar mistakes and improve their programs. The Workgroup would like to use SDR WMA Workgroup meeting time to discuss issues and topics of interest in order to share experiences and increase collaboration between members.
- The County of San Diego is continuing its contracting process to update the Project Clean Water website using a new platform. Contact Joanna if you have any questions.

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#### AGENDA ITEM 10: NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING – JUNE 8, 2016 1:30-3:30

Send agenda items to Ruth and Antonia by Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.