

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
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 1:00-3:00

MEETING ATTENDEES (*VOTING MEMBERS)

- Cecilia Tipton, City of Santee*
- Jim Harry, City of San Diego*
- Joe Kuhn, City of La Mesa*
- Ruth de la Rosa, County of San Diego*
- Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego
- Andre Sonksen, City of San Diego (phone)
- Heather Krish, City of San Diego (phone)
- Joanna Wisniewska, County of San Diego
- Sheri Dister, Weston Solutions
- John Quenzer, D-Max Engineering, Inc.
- 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 MEETING SUMMARY FROM FEBRUARY 8 – VOTING ITEM

The February 8, 2017 meeting summary was approved with edits to Item 8. Joe motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Jim. (Vote: 3-0 in favor).

AGENDA ITEM 5: MONITORING UPDATE

Joanna provided the following monitoring updates:

- One more event at SDR-1 is needed to complete wet weather MS4 outfall monitoring.
- One dry weather monitoring event was conducted on February 23, 2017 for the Bacteria TMDL Monitoring Program. The wet weather monitoring was completed on January 25, 2017. **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	February 23, 2017 (Dry)
Freshwater Creek Site*	SDR-FC1	<i>Enterococcus</i>
	SDR-FC2	<i>None</i>
	SDR-CDE	<i>None</i>
	SDR-MLS	<i>Enterococcus</i>
Beach Site**	FM-010	<i>None</i>

* 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.

- A sanitary sewer overflow reached Los Coches Creek and potentially San Diego River. Upon discovery, the County of San Diego repaired the line and collected water samples that presented elevated levels of bacteria. Cecilia did not observe any signs posted in the City of Santee to notify the public about the hazard. Joanna will follow up with County and Department of Environmental Health (DEH) to investigate why signs were not posted.

Action item(s):

- Joanna will follow up with DEH regarding sign posting.

AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

Ruth confirmed participation of the previous SDR WMA WQIP consultation panel members, except for Joe Thompson, environmental community alternate, who now resides in northern California. Ruth will coordinate a consultation committee meeting on May 10 or 11, to discuss proposed updates to the SDR WMA WQIP to update the prioritization process and the City of Santee's jurisdictional goals. An evening meeting will be attempted, but will depend on the committee's availability.

Action Item (s):

- Ruth will coordinate a consultation committee meeting, preferably in the evening, and provide the workgroup with the set day/time.

AGENDA ITEM 7: REGIONAL MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT REPORT (RMAR)

Sheri discussed the preliminary results of the SDR receiving water limitation assessment (A.4.a). The results included third party data collected. The group discussed data quality and comparability to permit required monitoring data standards. The workgroup decided to include the data in the appendix, but exclude it from the assessments and describe why it was done so.

Sheri presented the preliminary results of the SDR WMA priority water quality conditions assessment (B.2.c(1)) for dry and wet weather. Receiving water datasets from Stormwater Monitoring Coalition (SMC), NPDES, and TMDL were evaluated using the Water Quality Control Policy¹ (listing policy) procedures. For dry weather, SMC monitoring data was combined by water bodies to perform the analysis. Pollutants in the approved 2010 303(d) list were listed. The group discussed nutrients and if urban runoff is a predominant source. Because there is no sufficient information, as nutrients could be attributed to groundwater or septic systems, the group decided to identify this question as a data gap. Data gaps will be identified in the footnotes. For wet weather, the group agreed that urban runoff is a predominant nutrient source during the wet season since more urban runoff enters receiving waters.

Sheri presented the 2017 RMAR draft schedule. The tentative schedule is shown in **Table 2**.

Table 2. SDR WMA RMAR 2017 Draft Schedule

Item	Due Date
Sheri to send draft SDR RMAR chapter to copermittees for review	03/27/17
SDR members to submit SDR RMAR chapter comments	04/07/17
Final SDR RMAR chapter is provided to members for review	04/28/17
Sheri to provide draft Regional Assessments and Regional Recommendations to Participating Agencies (PAs)	05/08/17
PAs to submit comments for SDR RMAR chapter and Regional Assessments and Regional Recommendations	05/22/17
Final SDR RMAR Chapter	06/23/17

Action Item (s):

- Joanna will schedule a RMAR Ad Hoc meeting to discuss format and standardization of reports.

AGENDA ITEM 8: JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

¹ State Water Resources Control Board. 2004. Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303 (d) list. Adopted September 2004. Amended February 2015.
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/ffed_303d_listingpolicy093004.pdf

No Jurisdictional updates were discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER ITEMS

The City of Santee is participating in San Diego River Days 2017 on May 13, 14, 20, and 21. Cecilia encouraged other SDR WMA members to participate either individually or as a watershed group. For more information, please visit <http://sandiegoriver.org/sdriverdays/>.

Action Item (s):

- Cecilia will send more information to SDR WMA members.

AGENDA ITEM 10: NEXT WORKGROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2017 from 10:00 – 12:00 pm. Send agenda items to Ruth and Antonia by Wednesday, April 5th.