

Meeting Notes: Regional WURMP Workgroup

Meeting Date:	January 20, 2010
Meeting Time:	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Meeting Place:	The County of San Diego 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite P Watershed Protection Program WPP Conference Room

Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
Drew Kleis	City of San Diego
Elaine Lukey	City of Carlsbad
Jerome Jaminet	TRC
John Quenzer	City of National City/D-MAX
Mikhail Ogawa	MOE
Reed Thornberry	City of San Marcos
Scott Norris	County of San Diego
Stephanie Bauer	Port of San Diego
Stephanie Bracci	City of San Diego
Todd Snyder	County of San Diego

Action Items and Deadlines

- Look over the RWQCB response to comments on the Bacteria Project I TMDL as soon as they are released (projected date is February 3). The public hearing is scheduled for February 10.
 1. For those of you affected by this TMDL, the County strongly recommends that you communicate with your city managers about the aggressive timeline and significant costs that would be required to comply with the TMDL.
 2. For Bacteria Project I TMDL documents, see http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/tmdls/bacteria.shtml
- Consider participating in the SANDAG Quality of Life Initiative committee. Todd will send out the email list for the committee.
- Next Regional WURMP Workgroup meeting: Wednesday, February 17 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite P

Overall Meeting Summary

1. Introductions
2. Administrative Issues
3. Issues from Monitoring Workgroup
 - a. A number of significant concerns have been identified in the recently re-released Bacteria Project I TMDL. These include potentially applying TMDL requirements to other water bodies in an HU that are not hydrologically connected to one of the impaired water bodies actually included in the TMDL and use of a criteria of 0.2 inch of rain as the criteria for wet weather as opposed to the standard 0.1 inch. At the time of the meeting, the County was preparing comments, which have since been submitted to the RWQCB and were distributed to the other Copermitees

- prior to submittal to the RWQCB. Other Copermittees, including the City of San Diego, were also developing their own comments on the TMDL.
- b. RWQCB staff have indicated that they anticipate posting a response to Copermittee comments on the bacteria TMDL by February 3. This is only one week before the February 10 public hearing.
4. Approval of Second Quarter Expenditure Reports
 - a. County reimbursement request (\$283 of staff time for preparing budget and workplan) was approved.
 5. WURMP Annual Reporting Issues
 6. Program Planning Committee's Recommended Revisions to the FY 2010-2011 Regional WURMP Workgroup Workplan and Budget
 - a. Reduced hours for semi-annual workgroup update (task 2.C) from 10 hours to 5 hours of staff time.
 - b. Eliminated contract cost of \$15,750 from task 2.D (task no longer required)
 7. Update on Integrated Reporting Efforts
 - a. The Carlsbad, San Dieguito, Peñasquitos, and San Diego Bay WURMP workgroups have been working with Mikhail Ogawa Engineering (MOE) to try some new approaches to integrated JURMP and WURMP reporting for the 2008/2009 WURMP Annual Reports.
 - b. During this process MOE has reviewed the JURMP Annual Reports for all the Copermittees except El Cajon and Santee (which are the only two Copermittees not in one of the four watersheds mentioned above).
 - i. Separated JURMP activities into two general types:
 1. General activities (not location specific): General Plan updates, development requirements changes, ordinance updates, etc.
 2. Geographic activities that do have specific locations: inspections, street sweeping, MS4 cleaning, etc.
 - ii. During the review process a number of discrepancies and differences in how items were defined and reported were noted. This made it more challenging to compile jurisdictional information for use in WURMP reporting.
 - c. Most likely MOE and Drew will give a presentation about the outcomes of this effort to the Fiscal, Reporting, and Assessment Workgroup and/or the Regional WURMP Workgroup.
 - d. Discussion of purpose of this effort: may not end up saving time, at least for the first few years. Will probably require a lot of effort to develop regional data reporting standards and definitions. Would be useful to develop clear workplan or similar document defining the goals and what is needed to achieve them before embarking on this effort.
 - i. Since this effort is largely dependent on establish regionally accepted standards for data reporting, the Regional WURMP Workgroup has been looking at how to work with the Fiscal, Reporting, and Assessment Workgroup, which is also looking at developing data reporting standards.
 8. Update on SANDAG Quality of Life Initiative
 - a. SANDAG looking generally at four main areas for potential future projects and funding: beach sand, water quality, habitat conservation, and transit
 - b. Currently committee is working to put together a list of water quality priorities/goals for the San Diego region, along with approximate costs for reaching them (to define funding needs).

- i. Committee members include NGOs, the BIA, some environmental consultants, and the Farm Bureau. Relatively limited Copermittee participation to the point, although the County has been participating.
 - c. Unclear if there will eventually be a ballot measure to fill funding gaps identified by this committee. If there is, the rough estimates being created by this committee would need to be revisited and refined first.
- 9. Next Steps to Defining Watershed Reporting and Assessment Needs
 - a. Have approximately \$56,000 of budget left for this task in the current (2009/2010) fiscal year.
 - i. Main task likely to be developing a white paper on the subject.
 - ii. Todd previously asked Copermittees if have as-needed contracts that could potentially be offered for this work. So far, El Cajon and the City of San Diego have noted they have contracts that may be able to be used.
 - b. A closed (Copermittees only) discussion of next steps to be taken for this process was held.