

**Tijuana River Watershed Management Area
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017 8:30 am to 10:00 am
County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472**

Attendees:

Organization
City of Imperial Beach (IB)
City of San Diego (SD)
County of San Diego (County)
Amec Foster Wheeler (Amec)
D-MAX Engineering, Inc. (D-MAX)
Dudek (Dudek)

1. Call to order: 8:30 am

2. Roll Call

All participants introduced themselves.

3. Time for public to speak on items not on the agenda

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

4. Approve minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from January 2017 were approved without further edits or revisions.

- **Action item:** D-MAX will post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website.

5. Pass out electronic copies of final FY16 WQIP Annual Report

Electronic copies of the Final FY16 WQIP Annual Report were distributed to IB, SD, and County on flash drives.

6. Reminder: JRMP update timeline.

The group was reminded that per Permit Provision F.2.a.5, if a JRMP update was presented in the WQIP Annual Report, the updated JRMP update must be posted on the Regional Clearinghouse within 30 days of the WQIP AR submittal.

- **Action item:** SD to post current version of JRMP to Regional Clearing house by March 2, 2017.

7. 2017-2018 Work Plan and Watershed Budget

The draft scope of services, overall budget and jurisdictional cost share breakdown was discussed. The scope of services was distributed to the group prior to the meeting. The scope includes Watershed Coordination, Monitoring Support Services, Reporting and Assessment Services, As-Needed Services, SMC Monitoring and Coordination, Regional Monitoring and Assessment Reporting Services, Special Study Support Services, and Regional Bight Coordination. Tasks to be completed under Bight Coordination will be on an as-needed basis upon authorization.

SD requested additional time to review the scope of services and budget with their monitoring group.

- **Action item:** The budget will be voted on during the March 2017 meeting.

8. Regional Monitoring and Assessment Report (RMAR) Chapter

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- The group reviewed the receiving water exceedances assessments required in Permit Provision A.4. Amec will apply the regional methodology for conducting this assessment to address the RMAR-specific questions related to protecting designated beneficial uses of receiving waters. The assessment addresses:
 - ❖ Question 1. Do exceedances of water quality standards persist in the receiving waters?
 - Data Compilation
 - Exceedance Calculations
 - ❖ Question 2. Is the MS4 a source of the pollutant that is consistently exceeding the WQS in the receiving water?
 - Data Compilation
 - Exceedance Calculations
 - ❖ Question 3. Are the exceedances addressed by the WQIP?
 - Priority Water Conditions (PWQC) identified and addressed in WQIP: Indicator bacteria, Low DO, Nutrients, Surfactants, TDS, Trash, Pesticides, Synthetic Organics, Toxicity
 - Other constituents will be addressed in the re-evaluation of the WQIP.

9. Summary of recommendations to be included in the Report of Waste Discharge

The group reviewed the load calculations required per the Permit. Amec discussed the results of an evaluation completed to characterize the error in permit required load calculations which identified a wide range of inherent error. A recommendation to revise the calculation methodology will be included in the Regional Report (ROWD).

10. Copermittee's education presentation to the Regional Board

The ERS workgroup is facilitating a presentation on Public Education and Outreach to the Board is March 15, 2017. The ERS workgroup solicited interest in sub-group. If interested, contact Stephanie Gaines (County).

11. Special study update

Amec and Dudek are finalizing the revised draft Phase I Sediment Study report. The revised draft will be submitted to the Copermittees for review upon completion.

- **Action item:** Amec/Dudek to complete the revised draft of the Phase I Sediment Study report.

12. Upcoming regulations and policies

The following resolutions were released by the Regional or State Boards for review and comment. The comment periods close within the month.

Potential impacts on watershed group include:

A. Regional Board Key Beneficial Uses/Key Areas draft resolution

- The Regional Board developed a list of Key Beneficial Uses/Key Areas presented in a draft resolution that identifies where the Board's resources will be focused in

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the future. A comparison between this list and each WQIP may be conducted to see how the priorities line up between the Board's resolution and the WQIPs.

B. Regional Board Climate Change response draft resolution

- o A Climate Action Plan may be developed per watershed.

C. Trash Amendments

- o Official update to be released soon. It is anticipated that the issuance of a final San Diego Water Board Investigative Order implementing the Trash Amendments will be deferred to allow for consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and other Regional Water Boards regarding a consistent statewide approach. The San Diego Water Board will resume issuance of an Investigative Order, including responses to comments, once this occurs.

13. SMC Bioassessment Program Presentation

- A.** The SMC Bioassessment Program presentation was postponed due to lack of time. Will be rescheduled for a future watershed group meeting.

14. Other items (time permitting, no action will be taken)

A. Update on action Items from previous Watershed Group meeting

Re: Meeting Minutes

D-MAX will post October 2016 and November 2016 meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website. *Not completed.*

Will be posted after the PCW website training where log in information is distributed.

Re: Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) Annual Report

The Final Tijuana River WMA WQIP FY 2016 Annual Report was submitted to the Regional Board on January 31, 2017. A copy of the stamped submittal letter was distributed to the group.

- a.** Copermitees to submit signed certification forms and attachments to Amec.
- b.** Amec to submit the finalized annual report to the Regional Board office on or before January 31, 2017. Amec to provide stamped submittal letter to group when document has been submitted.

Re: Special study update

- c.** Amec/Dudek to complete revised draft of the Phase I Sediment Study report by February 2017 meeting. *Not completed. Revisions in progress.*

Re: 2017-2018 Draft Watershed Budget

- d.** Amec to discuss the SMC monitoring program during next meeting. *Not completed. This item will be scheduled during a future meeting, as time allows.*

Re: Relationship between RMAR, Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD), and WQIP AR monitoring appendix

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- e. Amec to inform Copermittees of receiving water exceedances identified through Provision A.4 assessments. To be added as an agenda item for February 2017 meeting.

Re: Project Clean Water website

- f. Add review of Tijuana River Watershed page to future meeting agenda. *Not completed. This item will be scheduled during a future meeting, as time allows.*

The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2017 from 8:30am to 10:00 am at County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472.