

**San Diego Bay Watershed Management Area &  
Tijuana River Watershed Management Area  
Copermittee Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2018 10:00am-12:00pm  
County of San Diego, 5510 Overland Ave., Room 472, San Diego, CA 92123**

**Attendees:**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>San Diego Bay WMA</b>	<b>Tijuana River WMA</b>
SDCRAA (Airport)	Nancy Phu (Wood)	X	
City of Chula Vista (CV)	Marisa Soriano	X	
City of Imperial Beach (IB)	Chris Helmer	X	X
City of La Mesa (LM)	Joe Kuhn	X	
	Jim Harry	X	
City of San Diego (SD)	Joe Cosgrove	X	X
	Brianna Menke		X
	Arielle Beaulieu	X	
County of San Diego (County)	Stephanie Gaines	X	
	Joanna Wisniewska	X	X
	Rouya Rasoulzadeh	X	X
	Dallas Pugh		X
Port of San Diego (Port)	Stephanie Bauer	X	
Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood)	Matt Rich	X	X
	Sarah Seifert	X	
	Greg McCormick		X
D-Max Engineering, Inc. (D-Max)	John Quenzer	X	X
Dudek	Bryn Evans		X
Members of the Public	Michelle Hallack (Alta Environmental)	-	-

**1. Call to order:** 10:10am

**2. Roll Call and Introductions**

Participants introduced themselves.

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

Present members of the public declined the opportunity to speak.

**4. Draft San Diego Bay FY20 budget**

The estimated budget for FY20 was discussed. The current FY20 estimate is conservative and assumes receiving water monitoring and the WQIP update would occur during the first year of the new permit term. The estimated budget is under the spending cap estimate, but is more than the FY19 budget since receiving water monitoring and the WQIP update are two items not included in this fiscal year's (FY19) budget.

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As another option, the WQIP update scope could be limited and as-needed funds could be set aside for specific tasks that may or may not need to be completed, based on what the permit requires when it is issued. For example, costs for a Consultation Panel meeting are included in the WQIP update FY20 budget but could be reallocated to the as-needed task.

Initial feedback from RPs is that receiving water monitoring could be done in the second permit term year and that the WQIP update could be split over two fiscal years.

There will be at least \$20,000 in rollover from the current FY19 budget to FY20 since only one site within the San Diego Bay WMA was monitored for Bight '18 (budget assumed two sites would be monitored). Follow-up monitoring may be required during FY20, but it is unknown what the requirements will be until results are received in the spring of 2019. Wood will follow up on the timeline for results to better inform the group how it will affect the FY20 budget.

**5. FY18 San Diego Bay WQIP Annual Report**

The current San Diego Bay Annual Report schedule has not changed from the original date of November 14 for the second draft deadline. RPs need to send Wood comments on the first draft no later than October 26.

Wood is expecting regional write-ups, IDDE information, and continuous dry weather flow data from the County, and write-ups and IDDE information from the Port that will be incorporated into the second draft.

**6. Regional Board Direction on WQIP AR resubmittal and irrigation runoff audits**

The Regional Board confirmed that all San Diego Bay WMA RPs must submit a signed certification with the FY16-17 Annual Report resubmittal that updates the Chollas Creek Dissolved Metals and Diazinon TMDL report. Wood and D-Max will submit the revised report to the Regional Board once all certifications have been received.

Irrigation report audit letters from the Regional Board will be discussed in the strategy appendix of the Annual Report for any RPs that received a letter this year.

The group also discussed the historical NOV from the Regional Board regarding the irrigation report audit from last year. IB and Airport received this historical NOV that has no dollar penalty and referred specifically to the code not being updated at the time of the audit, though updates were made to their websites before the NOV was issued. IB requested a meeting with the Regional Board to discuss, but the meeting has not been scheduled.

**7. Approve minutes from previous meeting - VOTE**

Combined San Diego Bay and Tijuana River WMAs:

CV motioned to approve meeting minutes from September 2018 as distributed. Airport seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved with no further edits. All aye.

Present for vote for San Diego Bay WMA: Port, IB, County, SD, CV, Airport, LM

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Present for vote for Tijuana River WMA: SD, IB, County

**8. Overview of Integrated Planning Framework approach**

The Integrated Planning framework is asking for increased flexibility in how Clean Water Act (CWA) obligations are handled. If the request is incorporated into the new MS4 Permit, jurisdictions would be able to develop an Integrated Plan, which includes the completion of a Financial Capabilities Assessment to determine a community’s ability to pay for their Clean Water Act obligations. The assessment is based on factors such as median household income, and the jurisdiction can bring in supplemental factors as well, such as cost of living or percentage of community living below the poverty line. This can also help justify sequential projects, potentially giving more time for a jurisdiction to complete a project. It does not relieve the jurisdiction from their obligations, only potentially extends their time to comply with CWA requirements.

The ROWD suggested language for incorporation in the next municipal permit that would allow for development of an Integrated Plan if a jurisdiction chooses to do so. A workshop is scheduled with the Regional Board, EPA, City of San Diego staff, and interested parties on November 8, 2018. The Integrated Plan is not intended to replace the JRMP, but is intended to incorporate the JRMP, WQIP, and other programs across multiple departments within a jurisdiction together.

**9. IRWM RAC Membership Applications**

The RAC gets bonds funds from the state and creates grant programs in the region. There is a seat opening up for representing South San Diego. Members of the San Diego Bay WMA are encouraged to consider applying. The meetings are the first Wednesday or the month, every other month and last about two hours. When funds are available, members with a seat can elect to participate on a subcommittee to decide how to disburse the funds. The next meeting is Nov 7. A primary seat and an alternate are needed. The next round of projects will be CEQA-ready projects.

**10. Grant opportunities**

No new grant opportunities were brought to the group’s attention since the last meeting. Grant opportunities still open include those listed below.

<b>Program*</b>	<b>Project Types</b>	<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>Award Amounts</b>
<a href="#">SWRCB Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program</a>	Storm water treatment (green infrastructure) implementation, multi-benefit projects preferred	Approx \$90M	Approx \$500k - \$10M
<a href="#">Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grants</a>	Multi-benefit projects, including storm water treatment, flood control, water supply enhancement, etc. See pages 13-14 of the <a href="#">guidelines</a> for details.	Approx \$418M statewide, \$51M set aside for projects benefitting DACs	Approx \$100k - \$10M

Prop 68 (Parks, Environment, and Water Bond) is open for comments. The San Diego Bay and Tijuana River watershed lead encourages jurisdictions to submit comments that would allow for storm water projects be included in the eligibility for these bond funds.

**11. Potential alternative locations for future meetings**

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No other Copermittees have suggested alternative meeting locations at this time.

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**13. FY18 Tijuana River WQIP Annual Report**

The due date for the second draft of the Tijuana River Annual Report has been pushed back one week, to November 14, to allow additional time for comments from RPs to be received and incorporated. Comments on the first draft must be received by Wood no later than October 26.

Additionally, the second data request deadline is October 26. The data requested from the RPs to be incorporated into the second draft are draft JRMP AR forms, outstanding dry weather outfall monitoring data, regional write-ups, and IDDE information.

**14. Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team Update**

The County of San Diego is moving forward with the Brown Property Restoration Project. After evaluating the hydrology and hydraulic impacts of removing historical fill, it was

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determined that restoration of the site to riparian forest floodplain at the Brown Property would substantially improve the hydraulics of the Tijuana River Valley and reduce flooding risk. Project design and implementation is expected by April 21, 2019.

The Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team (TRVRT) may restructure to an advisory group that will be used as an information forum for stakeholders. Emerging potential water quality conditions of trash or bacteria were discussed at the previous TRVRT meeting for consideration as priority conditions.

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

Airport made the group aware that they received a Public Records Act request for the last five years of their monitoring and inspection data from an attorney representing the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation.

The group discussed inviting the Regional Board to attend or call in to the watershed meeting quarterly or biannually to keep the line of communication open and be able to discuss issues that may arise, such as the historical irrigation audit NOVs.

The Port met with the Regional Board regarding their Trash Amendments Implementation Plan and wanted to note for the group that the Regional Board is appreciative of the meeting, but did not provide a lot of feedback on whether it's exactly what they are expecting of the Plan. The Regional Board's response to whether the Plan is sufficient was only that they will be notifying jurisdictions if their Plans are deficient after they are submitted.

**Action items:**

1. **D-Max** - Post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website
2. **Wood** – Follow up with timeline for Bight '18 monitoring results for any required follow-up monitoring and its effect on the FY20 budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am. The next meeting will be tentatively held on November 20, 2018 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the County Operations Center, 5510 Overland Ave. Room 472, San Diego, CA 92123.