

**Tijuana River Watershed Management Area
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017 8:30 am to 10:00 am
County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472**

Attendees:

Organization	Names
City of Imperial Beach (IB)	Wbaldo Arellano
City of San Diego (SD)	Karina Danek
	Julia Chase
County of San Diego (County)	Tracy Cline
	Stephanie Gaines
Amec Foster Wheeler (Amec)	Matt Rich
	Brenda Stevens
	John Rudolph
D-MAX Engineering, Inc. (D-MAX)	John Quenzer
Dudek (Dudek)	Bryn Evans

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 March 2017 were approved without further edits or revisions.

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

2017-2018 Work Plan and Watershed Budget

5. Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) update

The ROWD will include Regional recommendations. Stephanie Gaines (County) updated the group on the recent meeting with the Board to discuss potential revisions to the Permit. The Board was receptive to the changes recommended by the Copermitttees. No decisions were made and the Board was open to having additional meeting to discuss how to implement requested changes.

6. Regional Monitoring and Assessment Report (RMAR) Chapter

Comments received on the Draft RMAR were incorporated by Amec. The revised document was distributed to the RAs on April 13, 2017. The scope included a single draft, so this is the final version. However, Amec recognized that there were many changes based on comments on the draft document, so minor additional comments received by May 24 can be addressed.

An executive summary to the Tijuana River WMA Section is being developed and will be distributed for review. RAs will have one week from receipt to submit comments to Amec Foster Wheeler.

Each watershed group will submit their Section to Weston to be incorporated into the Regional document. The executive summary for the ROWD will utilize information summarized from each watershed specific RMAR Section.

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- **Action item:** An executive summary will be distributed for review. RA's will have one week to review and comment on draft executive summary.

7. Monitoring update

The group discussed the storm monitoring activities completed for this season. The five wet weather MS4 outfalls were monitored on November 21, 2016, completing required monitoring for the season. Although Amec is waiting on some data from the laboratories, preliminary TSS results are higher than FY2016, but indicate that the RAs are on track to meet their FY18 sediment reduction goal.

- **Action item:** Once all data are received, Amec will provide a brief memo to the RAs summarizing sampling activities.

8. Special study update

The revised draft Phase I Sediment Study report was distributed to the group on April 17, 2017. After the RAs review and comment, options to continue the study will be discussed at the next Watershed Group meeting.

9. SMC bioassessment presentation

John Rudolph of Amec Foster Wheeler presented on the background of the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring Coalition and discussed the results of the most 2017 bioassessments conducted in the Tijuana River WMA. Some species observed are very sensitive and indicate good health in the streams assessed. Slides from the presentation are provided in Attachment 1.

10. Upcoming grant opportunities

Time did not allow for the discussion of upcoming grant opportunities.

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

A. Update on action items from previous Watershed Group meeting

(Note that the status provided below is as of the date of the meeting)

Re: Meeting Minutes

- D-MAX will post October 2016 and November 2016 meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website.

Re: Regional Monitoring and Assessment Report (RMAR) Chapter Comments

- Amec will address these comments in the revised draft.
- An executive summary will be developed once comments have been incorporated and it appears findings or methodologies are accepted. *Not completed. Executive summary in progress.*

Re: Special study update

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

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2017 from 8:30am to 10:00 am at County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472.

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**Attachment 1:
SMC Bioassessment Overview**