

**San Diego Bay Watershed Management Area Copermittee
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017 10:00am
County Operations, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472**

Attendees:

Organization
Amec Foster Wheeler (Amec)
City of Chula Vista (CV)
City of Coronado (COR)
City of Imperial Beach (IB)
City of La Mesa (LM)
City of National City (NC)
City of San Diego (SD)
County of San Diego (County)
D-Max Engineering, Inc. (D-Max)
Port of San Diego (Port)

1. Call to order: 10:08AM

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 meeting minutes from August 15 meeting

- The meeting minutes were approved with a majority pending minor edits:
 - Add the following sentence to Section 6d, first bullet – County actions with respect to the new goal will be discussed in the FY 2018 Annual Report.

Motion to approve: CV

Second the motion: SD

- **Action item:** The Watershed Coordinator will post meeting minutes on the Project Clean Water website.

5. Results of email vote on rollover of unspent FY 2017 funds

- **Approved Unanimously:** The vote on the FY 2017 rollover funds from the IB contract, \$123,705, was approved unanimously via an email vote.
- **Action item:** The Watershed Coordinator will post the budget on the Project Clean Water under a member protected area.
- A significant amount, \$2,799,173, still remains in the spending cap.

6. FY 2017 WQIP Annual Report

A. Addressing Regional Board comments

- The Executive Summary should be more public friendly. This includes cutting back on the permit-jargon, reducing the overall length, adding more photos, graphics, and figures, and highlighting specific projects.

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- The Executive Summary should talk more about achievements and what the public cares about.
- The Annual Reports should focus more towards outcomes and progress towards goals.
 - The outcomes are a results of the progress towards goals which help attain beneficial uses.
 - Additional language will be added that the RPs are complying with requirements and are on track to meet interim goals.
 - Showing progress towards longer term goals may not be appropriate since there is a very limited amount of data (two years) collected since the WQIP was implemented.
- The report should update the progress towards longer term goals, including final goals, even if there is no progress. The Regional Board suggested using graphs or trend analyses tracking the overall progress.
 - The group discussed that this may make more sense for some goals than for others. Generally, the reasoning behind using performance based goals is that it is difficult to see much change in water quality indicators over short timeframes. Some language explaining why looking at water quality changes over short periods is often not meaningful may be included in the report. Discussions about how current activities are making progress toward longer term goals may also be included. In some cases, where Permit term goals are expressed in the same units as final goals, it may be possible to make a comparison to the longer term goals in the FY17 annual report.
 - RPs decided to continue using the same level of monitoring data as the previous year to discuss the progress towards goals for each priority condition in the Annual Report. References to additional reports, data, and appendices should be used appropriately.
 - Language may be added to the priority conditions sections stating what the final goal is and whether the jurisdictions are on track to meeting that goal.
- The group suggested the additional following items:
 - Use of permit-language should be reduced, such as reducing the use of the term “Responsible Parties”, and direct statements of progress and implementation status should be more widely used.
 - General consensus is to not reorder the Annual Report structure at this time to have progress towards goals come before strategies, however this requires further discussion from the group.
 - The process for updating the WQIP will be as an addendum.

B. Status of information submittals

- Amec has reached out to individual jurisdictions requesting specific pieces of outstanding data or information to be included into the first draft of the Annual Report.

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- In general, jurisdictions have submitted the monitoring data and strategy tables. However, many main body write-ups have yet to be received by the consulting team.
- Placeholders will be used in the first draft for any pieces of information or sections that are not received by the deadline.
- **Action item:** RPs to send Amec any missing pieces of strategy information, write-ups, or monitoring data by September 22 to be incorporated into the first draft.

7. Consultation Panel meeting planning update

- The Consultation Panel meeting to discuss changes to County highest priorities and goals will be held on November 7 from 10 AM - 12 PM at the Port.
- Natalia Hentschel with Katz & Associates will facilitate the meeting. Katz & Associates will also provide a note-taker for the meeting.
- The Consultation Panel consists of Christina Arias (Regional Board), Matt O'Malley (Coastkeeper), and Mike McSweeney (Building Industry Association).
 - The panel plays an advisory role on proposed WQIP changes and can make comments, ask questions, and approve or deny the change to the WQIP. Comments from either the Consultation Panel or the public must be made in writing to be considered official.
- The County is continuing to work on the write-up for the proposed new goal in Physical Aesthetics priority condition. The write-up will be sent to the consultation Panel for review approximately two weeks before the meeting.
 - An additional presentation and write-up may also be needed on the annexation of Chollas Creek from the County.

8. Jurisdictional Updates

- For the jurisdictions that received an over-irrigation audit, updates and responses should be included in the JRMP update that is included in the Strategies Appendix 3. Some jurisdictions suggested using a response to comments table, and before and after screen shots of their websites with the comments incorporated.
 - RPs suggested it would be beneficial to make the method of response to the Regional Board consistent across jurisdictions.
- Christina Arias from the Regional Board stated that they plan on conducting construction audits on areas greater than one acre (as part of the general construction permit). As of now, there is no schedule or set plan to conduct the audits, however it was suggested they will happen in the near future in the San Diego Bay WMA.

9. Other items (time permitting; no action will taken)

- An ad-hoc regional WQIP reporting committee meeting is being held on September 19 at 1:30PM at the County.
- The Bight '18 kickoff meeting was held on September 14 – a summary of items discussed at the meeting will be provided at the next Copermittee meeting.

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The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2017 from 10am to 12pm at County Operation, 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Room 472.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.