

**San Diego Bay Watershed Management Area &
Tijuana River Watershed Management Area
Copermittee Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2019 10:00am-12:00pm
County Operations Center, 5510 Overland Ave. Room 472, San Diego, CA 92123**

Attendees:

Organization	Name	San Diego Bay WMA	Tijuana River WMA
SDCRAA (Airport)	Richard Gilb	X	
	Katherine Sharp (Wood)		
City of Chula Vista (CV)	Marisa Soriano	X	
	Kimberly Valenzuela		
City of Coronado (COR)	Jessie Powell	X	
City of Imperial Beach (IB)	Chris Helmer	X	X
City of San Diego (SD)	Jim Harry	X	
	Catherine Rom		X
	Heather Krish	X	X
County of San Diego (County)	Rouya Rasoulzadeh	X	X
City of National City (NC)	Carla Hutchinson	X	
Port of San Diego (Port)	Stephanie Bauer	X	
Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood)	Matt Rich	X	X
	Brenda Stevens		X
	Dylan Cawthorne		X
	Amanda Nelson	X	
	Victoria Apaldetti	X	
D-Max Engineering, Inc. (D-Max)	John Quenzer	X	X
Dudek	Bryn Evans		X
Caltrans	Roya Yazdanifard	X	

1. Call to order: 10:00 am

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

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

No members of the public were present.

4. Approve minutes from previous meeting - VOTE

No comments or changes to the meeting minutes were proposed.

IB motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April and May 2019.

SD seconded the motion. All aye.

Present for vote: CV, IB, SD, County, NC, Port, and COR

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5. Bight sediment monitoring update

The group discussed the results of Bight '18 Sediment Quality Objective (SQO) sampling that was conducted during Fall 2018. Within the San Diego Bay and Tijuana River watersheds, four sites were selected: one site in the Sweetwater Estuary, two sites in the Otay River Estuary and one site in the Tijuana River Estuary.

The SQO program assesses chemistry, toxicity, and benthic invertebrate community data to characterize sediment quality as it relates to aquatic life protection. The results show that Otay River Estuary is "Possibly Impacted." As a result, follow up monitoring will need to be performed at the same two Otay River Estuary sites this summer to confirm the results obtained during the initial study. If the results are confirmed, then a stressor identification study will need to take place. The Tijuana River and Sweetwater Estuary stations were rated as "Likely Unimpacted"; therefore, no follow-up sampling will be conducted at these sites.

6. WQIP Annual Report proposed schedule

The group reviewed the draft deliverable schedule for the FY 18-19 Annual Report. The proposed schedule provides the first draft to the Copermittees in November. In previous years, jurisdictional data have not been received in time to make the October draft useful to Copermittees to review. The Copermittees agreed that a November draft submittal would be sufficient for review. However, any new report sections will be sent to the Copermittees in October to allow for additional review time.

Wood to send a more detailed project schedule.

7. WQIP update schedules

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has not yet provided an updated schedule for WQIP updates. It is assumed WQIP updates will not be due with this Annual Report. Based on discussions with Water Board staff, San Diego Bay may have to incorporate adaptive management updates, which do not require any changes to goals and no consultation panel is required. Tijuana River may need to reevaluate their goals and highest priorities, which will require a consultation panel.

8. Water Board comments on WQIP annual reports

The group reviewed the Water Board's comments on the Annual Report for the San Luis Rey River Watershed. Comments from the Water Board that were of note include the following:

- a. Homeless Encampments:** The Water Board indicated that homeless encampments should be considered a controllable source. The group discussed the challenges in addressing water quality issues related to homeless encampments. Multiple departments, including law enforcement, are typically required and addressing sources is not always possible.

There will be a workshop held on in Vista on August 7, 2019 to discuss issues related to Environmental Impacts Associated with the Homeless/Transient Populations. Port to forward meeting invite to group with additional details.

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- b. Structural BMP Data:** The Regional Board is requesting that Copermittees submit detailed information regarding structural BMPs in their inventory. It is unclear if the request applies to all BMPs in their inventories or only the BMPs included in models to calculate load reductions. Further clarification from the Water Board is needed on this comment.
- c. High Priority Outfall Criteria:** To address Board comments, the Copermittees should anticipate including write-ups describing the rationale of how their highest priority outfalls were selected for monitoring, and actions taken to identify sources at outfalls with action level exceedances.
- d. Monitoring Data:** The Water Board would like Copermittees to submit electronic copies of monitoring results as a separate attachment to the Annual Reports. The data submittal would be the same Excel document that is used to upload data to the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN), since data can be difficult to find on CEDEN. Each Copermittee should discuss this with their Attorney(s) to determine if there are any objections to submitting data in this format.

9. Update on Project Clean Water watershed pages

There will be a meeting on August 8, 2019 to review the updates that have been made to the Project Clean Water webpage. Updates are being made to make the webpage more user friendly and easier for the general public to navigate.

The team updating the website requested high resolution photos for each watershed to display on the webpages. Good examples of photos can be found on the Orange County Project Clean Water webpage.

10. Update on BMP planning for the River Valley

The group discussed the public meeting that was held earlier this month that showcased 26 potential projects to address the transboundary flows. Public comments regarding these projects are encouraged. There is currently fifteen million dollars available for these projects. More information can be found at www.sdparks.org. The group suggested that projects in the main channel may provide the largest benefit.

11. Other items

The Water Board received a complaint from CalEPA stating that several jurisdictions are not properly maintaining their structural BMPs. Jurisdictions involved should have received an email and their response has been requested by August 22, 2019.

Action items:

- 1. **Wood/D-Max:** Send detailed deliverable schedule to Copermittees
- 2. **Port/D-Max:** Distribute details on the August 7, 2019 Workshop regarding Environmental Impacts Associated with the Homeless / Transient Populations
- 3. **Copermittees:** Find high quality photos that give a good overview of the watershed to display on the Project Clean Water webpage. See Orange County's webpage for good examples of what to submit.

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Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 pm. The next meeting will be tentatively held on August 20, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the County Operations Center, 5510 Overland Ave. Room 472, San Diego, CA 92123.