

## **TEMECULA WINE COUNTRY MEETING NOTES**

**TIME:** Wednesday July 28, 2010, 1.30 -3.00pm

**LOCATION:** Rancho California Water District

**PURPOSE:** To discuss establishing general waste discharge requirements that enables the San Diego Water Board to expeditiously process individual project proposals in the Temecula Valley Wine Country by taking a holistic approach to addressing sources of pollutants in the area.

**ATTENDEES:** See attached sign in sheet

**MEETING NOTES PREPARED BY:** Fisayo Osibodu, San Diego Water Board

### **KEY SUBJECT ITEMS:**

#### **1. Availability of Sewer**

- a. Eastern MWD reported that for the District to plan for the sewer extension into the wine county area, it would need to know how the area is going to be developed based on the community plan Riverside County is completing for the area.

**Action item:** Eastern MWD will describe the steps it will have to follow and questions that would need to be answered for extension of the sewer once the Community Plan is adopted and, if possible, provide a preliminary time schedule for completing the tasks.

- b. The stakeholders confirmed that as part of the conditions of approval of plot plans, Riverside County requires property owners to connect to the sewer when it becomes available.

**Action Item:** The San Diego Water Board will evaluate an approach of preparing the General Order with the understanding that onsite disposal systems will be temporary. To implement such an approach, the San Diego Water Board requires answers to the following questions:

- (1) How will property owners be required to connect to the sewer?
- (2) What will be the timing for the connection?
- (3) What are the consequences if they do not connect?
- (4) Does the San Diego Water Board have the authority to require the connection?
- (5) What will property owners do to mitigate the water quality (salinity) impacts resulting from discharges during the interim period?
- (6) What happens if the sewer is not available by the projected date of completion?
- (7) What basis is there for adopting an Order for an interim discharge if that interim discharge does not comply with the State Anti-Degradation Policy?

**Action Item.** Riverside County will identify the exact language in its regulations that requires a connection by existing onsite disposal systems to a sewer when it is available.

## 2. Phasing of General Order

- a. The San Diego Water Board will proceed with adopting a General Order without waiting for Riverside County to complete CEQA for the General Plan Amendment. The San Diego Water Board will draft a General Order that addresses projects that have already received a CEQA document under the existing General Plan and are in the pipeline to initiate construction prior to the General Plan Amendment. After the EIR is completed for the Amended General Plan, the San Diego Water Board will amend the General Order for future projects.

**Action Item:** The County of Riverside and interested stakeholders will identify existing projects and their CEQA documents.

**Action Item:** The San Diego Water Board will review the CEQA documents to determine if the project descriptions are consistent with the projects (OWTS) to be regulated under the General Order. If not, the San Diego Water Board must complete a CEQA document prior to consideration of the General Order. (This would be done at the same meeting as adoption of the General Order).

## 3. Salt Balance

The San Diego Water Board discussed the necessity for conducting a salt balance analysis on three levels. The first level will be at a project specific level to identify the viability of addressing salinity on a project-by-project basis. The second level will be at a land use project level to assess the magnitude of the cumulative salinity loading resulting from the proposed creation of the land use in the wine country. The third level is a complete analysis using computer modeling of the hydrologic characteristics and salt loading in the basin, similar to what was done in the Santa Ana and Mojave basins. The analysis required for the third level is beyond the scope of this project and is expected to be completed by the stakeholders led by the Water Districts in accordance with the State Water Board's Recycled Water Policy.

**Action Item:** The Stakeholders will investigate the feasibility of developing a salt balance for a typical proposed winery/vineyard.

**Action Item:** Riverside County will discuss with the San Diego Water Board possible constraints on doing a salt balance as part of their CEQA analysis for the General Plan Amendment.

**Action Item:** The San Diego Water Board will research options for the General Order to account for future efforts by the Water Districts to develop a salinity management plan for the area and how those efforts could include proponents of projects planned for this area.

#### 4. Schedule for Preparing the General Order

The San Diego Water Board provided a preliminary schedule and a list of tasks that need to be completed for adopting the General Order. The tasks include a list of information that needs to be developed as supporting information for the Order.

**Action Item:** As part of the information, the Stakeholders will need to assess options for management of the waste. This may include treatment measures that are considered too expensive to be practical. This information is necessary to document why some management measures were excluded in the Order as required measures, but are available as optional measures.

**Action Item:** Bradley Hay of Hunsaker & Associates will contact the San Diego Water Board in two weeks to discuss cost estimates of treatment alternatives and the information items identified by the San Diego Water Board that need to be addressed.

**Action Item:** The San Diego Water Board will advise all parties as soon as it becomes aware of any issues that might cause unusual delays, such as a need to do an extensive environmental evaluation to address CEQA.

#### 5. Other Items

- a. Riverside County will require proposed projects within Wine Country to utilize greywater for landscape irrigation. Salinity and nutrient loading from greywater will be addressed in the General Order and should be considered in waste characterization/mass loading analyses.
- b. The San Diego Water Board created a webpage on its website where reference documents, questions raised during work group meetings, and answers to the questions will be posted.  
**[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/wine\\_county/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/wine_county/index.shtml)**
- c. It was announced during the meeting that Cathryn Henning of the San Diego Water Board would be giving a 10-minute presentation regarding development of the General Order at the August 11, 2010 San Diego Water Board meeting. **This meeting has been cancelled due to lack of quorum.** The stakeholders will be notified if the item will be scheduled for the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- d. The **Next General Workgroup Meeting** will be at the Office of Rancho California Water District on August 25, 1.30-3.00pm.
- e. The **San Diego Water Board** will meet with Baily Winery on August 5, 2010.