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Hi Laurie and Wayne,

As we prepare for the next focus meeting, I had a few points for discussion/clarification to guide discussion.

1. Will there be a time for the Copermittees to “present” their proposed alternative? If there is, I would really appreciate hearing from staff as to the justification for the expanded dry weather monitoring so that San Diego Coastkeeper, and others in the room, can understand the purpose of the provisions and fairly evaluate the Copermittees’ proposal. I asked to meet with the Copermittees to learn more about their specific concerns and their proposal, but they were “unauthorized” to discuss the issue with me prior to the focus meeting (although we did meet to discuss other opportunities for monitoring collaboration).
2. Displaying monitoring data: I would like to discuss at the next meeting exactly how we can best collect and display the extensive monitoring data to facilitate data-sharing and to inform the public about the water quality data their tax dollars pay to collect. San Diego Coastkeeper has developed a multi-level water quality data display system that displays data at a high level and then “drills down” to specifics at the user’s discretion. While Coastkeeper does not have a monitoring alternative we would like to present, we would like to present this monitoring display portal to the group if Copermittees are permitted a “presentation time.” (We shared this with representatives of the San Diego monitoring workgroup).
3. Collaboration: There is currently a San Diego monitoring work group (and other topic-based workgroups to encourage collaboration among copermittees). I don’t see a similar concept in this upcoming permit. Has that approach been scrapped? Is that a good idea? Is there another, better way to encourage collaboration?
4. Regional Clearinghouse: I would like to discuss what this could like, the pros/cons of the prior website, www.projectcleanwater.org, and the possibility of integrating the clearinghouse into the Regional Board’s website.
5. CEDEN: (this point dovetails with #2 above) I’d like a discussing about whether CEDEN is the appropriate method for gathering the data. I’ve heard the site is difficult to use (especially for the public). I’ve been unable to play around with it because it is “unavailable due to repair.”
6. Progress Reporting: I’d like to discuss in more detail with copermittees ways to reduce the funds spent on annual reporting consultants while maximizing the meaningful data and information reported to the Regional Board and the public. I’d like to see a “progress dashboard” featured in each report that is an easy-to-understand graphic summary of progress made to date.

Thanks!

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