

Water Quality Workgroup

Meeting Summary
December 3, 2013

Attendees:

John Burch, CRMWD

Chuck Brown, UCRA

Scott McWilliams, UCRA

Lauren Oertel, TCEQ TMDL

Faith Hambelton, TCEQ NPS

The group reviewed the water quality section of the I Plan. John Burch had prepared edits to the original document as they pertain to CRMWD. Other comments were to remove non- participating agencies and other irrelevant information for the updated document. The group agreed to work off of Burch's edits and would provide their comments electronically to the work group members for review. A final draft updated from the work group members is scheduled to be completed by the end of January or early February.

Faith Hambelton agreed to check the permit status of the waste water dischargers identified in the original I-Plan. Chuck Brown would then call the current operators and define each method of disposal and daily volume.

There was discussion of a recent field investigation on the Colorado River at US Highway 208. Elevated TDS levels have been observed in some isolated pools along an otherwise dry river bed. Sulfate levels are high, indicating a potential natural occurring phenomenon. Brown is to contact ER Roberts, City of Robert Lee and Winton Millican, Coke County WCD to locate some shallow water wells within the immediate area that could be used for screening ground water. Historical LPST site database will be checked by UCRA as another tool in locating water wells in the area.

Salt cedar loadings were mentioned as a source. UCRA will contact the author of the original I-Plan, determine the calculations used for loadings, and update the section based upon current density and population of salt cedars along the river.

Releases from EV Spence Reservoir were discussed. It is understood that no further releases would be made by CRMWD from Spence unless emergency conditions dictated such. The work group agreed that future correspondence would be electronically as comments were made to the updated section of the document and that no further water quality work group meetings are needed at this time.