



June 30, 2020

Call for Water Quality Data and Information

Santa Margarita River Watershed Management Area WQIP Update

The Santa Margarita River (SMR) Watershed Management Area (WMA) Copermittees (the Cities of Murrieta, Temecula, and Wildomar; the Counties of Riverside and San Diego; and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District) and the City of Menifee request relevant water quality information for the SMR WMA to support an update of the Santa Margarita River Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) being conducted this year (the current WQIP is available for review at <http://content.rcflood.org/npdes/SMRWMA.aspx>). The WQIP update will include a review of the WQIP goals and Highest Priority Water Quality Conditions based on applicable data. Please provide any relevant information regarding water quality in the SMR WMA. We especially request appropriately collected and analyzed water quality monitoring data. Potential data types include but are not limited to:

- Chemical Constituents
- Water Quality Parameters
- CRAM Results
- Bioassessments
- Trash Impacts
- Sediment and Water Column Toxicity

All submitted data will be reviewed. However, data collected under a Quality Assurance Project Plan or method (e.g., Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program) and analyzed by an Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program certified laboratory are preferred. Ideally, a summary report should accompany large data sets. To ensure the data can be integrated into the WQIP update, **minimum data quality criteria include:**

- Metadata (location of sampling events, site names and GPS coordinates, date and time, sampling conditions (i.e., dry weather or storm event), field and lab procedures used.
- Data quality description and assessment;
- Quality Assurance documentation may include but is not limited to:
 - Quality Assurance Project Plans
 - Data management procedures
 - Field and lab procedures using standard methods, if applicable.

How to Submit Data:

Data may be submitted electronically to alicitra@rivco.org, in Excel or CSV format with supporting documents in Word or PDF format **on or before Friday, July 31, 2020, at 5 pm PDT**. Please use the subject line "Santa Margarita WQIP Data Submittal."

For questions or to coordinate large file size document transfers, please contact Matt Yeager at myeager@rivco.org; (951) 955-0843.

For more information about the Santa Margarita River Watershed, please visit the project website: <http://content.rcflood.org/NPDES/SMRWMA.aspx>