



OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM — MARKERS & MILESTONES

MARCH 2020

THE REPORT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS:



Introduction and Background: Provides the history of the OBMP and an overview of the stakeholder process to develop it.



2020 OBMP Goals and Activities:

Outlines the 2020 OBMP Goals and the activities proposed by the stakeholders to achieve them.



Integration of the 2020 OBMP Update Activities with the 2000 OBMP Program Elements:

This section establishes the relationship between the proposed activities with the already existent Program Elements of the 2000 OBMP Implementation Plan.



2020 OBMP Management Plan: This section delineates all the actions that will continue from the 2000 OBMP as well as the new activities proposed by parties during the 2020 OBMP Update Process. This section also will serve as the basis for drafting the 2020 OBMP Implementation Plan that started in March 2020.

Watermaster received comments from stakeholders until **January 22, 2020** and provided answers included as Appendix B in the Final Report released on **January 24, 2020**.

MONTHLY UPDATE

During the month of March, the OBMP Update team, in collaboration with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), continued the work to complete the required environmental review for the completion of the 2020 OBMP Update. The team also hosted a Drafting Session Orientation on March 2nd, and the first of the OBMP Implementation Plan Drafting Sessions on March 16, 2020.



On March 27, 2020, IEUA filed a Notice of Completion and Notice of Availability of the Draft Subsequent Environmental Report for the 2020 OBMP Update.

With these releases we expect to engage the public and receive comments prior to the finalization of the environmental review process.

Next Steps:

IEUA will continue to receive comments on the Draft SEIR for the 2020 OBMP Update until May 11, 2020.

Due to the ongoing COVID -19 pandemic, stakeholders have requested that all OBMP related activities be paused for at least 30 days. Drafting sessions will resume at a later date to be determined.

2020 OBMP



**Enhance Basin
Water Supplies**



**Protect and Enhance
Water Quality**



**Enhance
Management
of the Basin**



**Equitably Finance
the OBMP**

2020 OBMP Implementation Plan Program Elements (PEs) *NEW AND CONTINUING ACTION*

PE 1 – Monitoring Program

- Continue the required monitoring and reporting
- Review and update Watermaster's monitoring and reporting program*

PE 2 – Recharge Program

- Complete the 2023 Recharge Master Plan Update
- Implement recharge projects on need and available resources

PE 3 – Supply for impaired Areas

- Continue CDA Operations



PE 4 – Subsidence Management

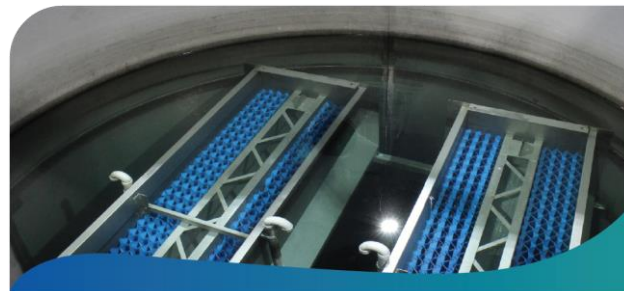
- Implement Watermaster's Subsidence Management Plan and adapt as necessary

PE 5 – Regional Supplemental Water Program

- Watermaster will support the IEUA, the TVMWD, the WMWD, and/or others in their efforts to improve water supply and reliability to ensure those efforts are integrated with Watermaster's groundwater management efforts*

PE 6 – Cooperative Programs with Water Quality Regulators

- Develop an initial emerging contaminants monitoring plan*
- Evaluate need for a Groundwater Quality Management Plan*



PE 7 – Salt Nutrient Management Plan

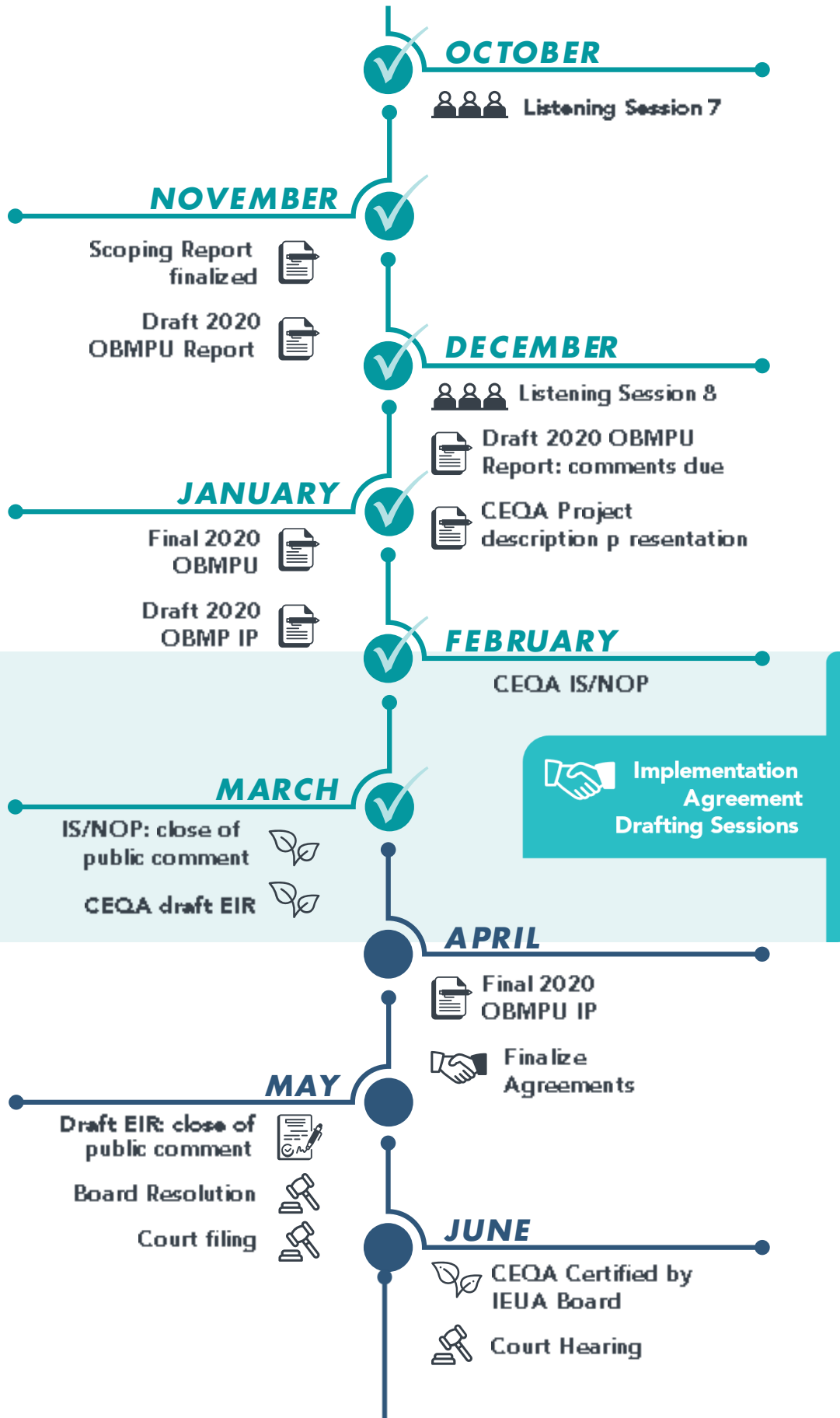
- Continue to implement the Maximum Benefit Salt Nutrient and Management Plan
- Update every 5 years the water quality projections to evaluate compliance*

PE 8/9 – Storage Management Plan/Storage and Recovery Programs

- Complete and submit the 2020 Storage Management Plan to the Court*
- Develop a Storage and Recovery Master Plan*

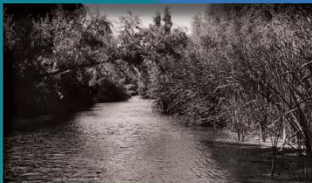
**New actions*

2020 OBMP Update Process



2019

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BACKGROUND

The Chino Basin Judgment gave the Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) the discretionary authority to develop an Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) for the Chino Basin, including both water quantity and quality considerations. Watermaster, with direction from the Court, began the development of the OBMP in 1998 and completed it in July 2000. The OBMP was developed in a collaborative public process that identified the needs and wants of all stakeholders; described the physical state of the groundwater basin; developed a set of management goals; identified impediments to those goals; described a series of actions that could be taken to remove those impediments and thereby achieve the management goals; developed and executed agreements to implement the OBMP; and certified a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to CEQA with IEUA as the lead agency.

The 2020 OBMP Update was developed through a collaborative stakeholder process, the same way as the 2000 OBMP. A series of public "Listening Sessions" were held by Watermaster throughout 2019 to obtain information, ideas, and feedback from all stakeholders.

Through the Listening Session process, the Chino Basin stakeholders have identified their issues, needs, and want, their collective goals for the 2020 OBMP Update, the impediments to achieving the goals and the management actions required to remove the impediments.

THE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS HAS RESULTED IN THE CREATION OF TWO DOCUMENTS:

- **The 2020 OBMP Scoping Report:** This document captures all the input from the stakeholders and outlines the estimated effort to implement the proposed activities.
- **The 2020 OBMP Update Report:** This is the comprehensive document that includes the history of the OBMP, describes the collaborative process and provides the basis for the development of the 2020 OBMP Implementation Plan Update.

The 2020 OBMP Update requires an Environmental Review of foreseen facilities and projects that could be built as a result of the implementation of the management actions in the updated Implementation Plan. This effort is underway.

For more details on the process and achievements of the listening sessions please refer to our previous newsletters: www.cbwm.org/obmp_newsletters.htm.

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