



OPTIMUM BASIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM — MARKERS & MILESTONES

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What you'll find in the Optimum Basin Management Program Report:



Introduction and Background: The history of the OBMP and an overview of the public development process.



2020 OBMP Goals and Activities: Outlines the 2020 OBMP goals and the activities proposed to achieve them.



Integration of the 2020 OBMP Update Activities with the 2000 OBMP Program Elements: Establishes the relationship between the proposed activities with the existing 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 will occur during the beginning of 2021.

OBMP ADOPTED

The long-awaited 2020 Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP) update was unanimously adopted by the Watermaster Board of Directors in October, concluding development and collaboration between Watermaster staff, consultants and stakeholders.

In the months leading up to adoption, Watermaster conducted a final workshop to address any remaining comments on the draft plan. All comments and responses have been added to an appendix of the final 2020 OBMP report.

The three regional agencies involved in basin management – Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Western Municipal Water District – unanimously adopted resolutions of support for the 2020 OBMP, in advance of Watermaster Board's consideration.

The 2020 OBMP is an example of a successful collaborative public process that identified management goals and steps to achieve them. The program will guide management for the next 20 years and will ensure the maximum beneficial use of the Basin by all interested parties.

Next Steps:

First, the parties need an agreement to address a portion of the Storage Management Plan related to storage for local use only. Watermaster is evaluating the effects of continuing local storage use.

Second, Judgment parties will need to develop an agreement to implement the OBMP update and IEUA will prepare the necessary CEQA documentation. Court review and a financing plan will follow.

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 ACTIONS*

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

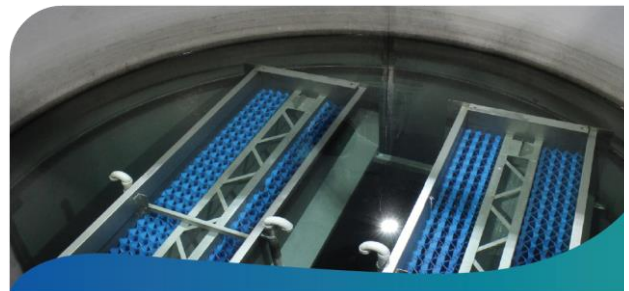
- Implement Watermaster's Subsidence Management Plan and adapt as necessary

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

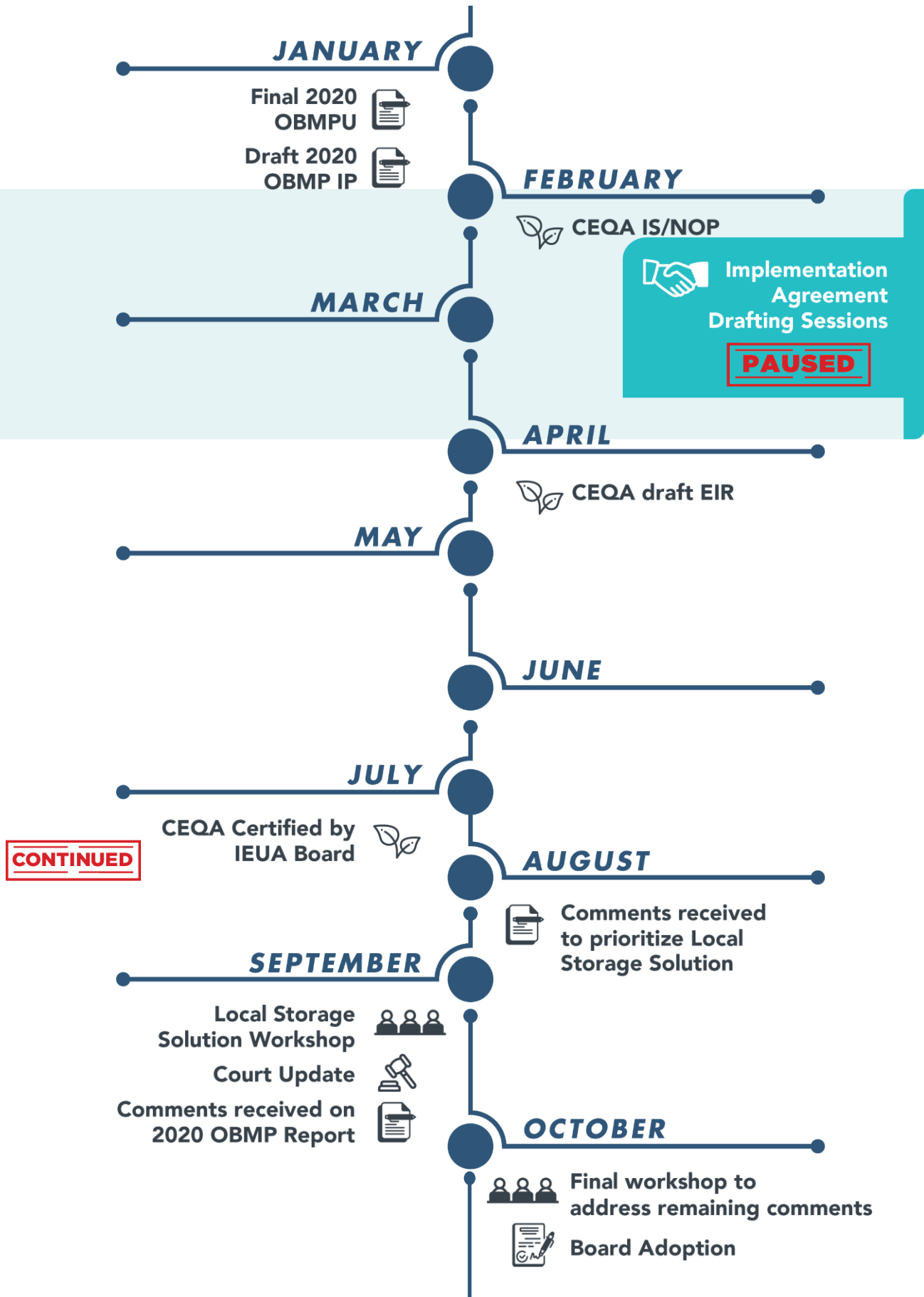
- Continue to implement the Maximum Benefit Salt Nutrient and Management Plan
- Update every 5 years the water quality projections to evaluate compliance*

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

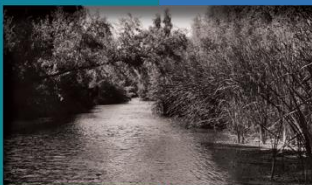
- Complete and submit the 2020 Storage Management Plan to the Court*
- Develop a Storage and Recovery Master Plan*

**New actions*

2020 OBMP Update Process



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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 needs, and desires, 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 input from all 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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