

Meeting Minutes
Santa Barbara Countywide
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Cooperating Partners Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2008
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Central Coast Water Authority, Buellton California

Conference call phone: 1-877-873-8016 and participant code 861785

Attendees

Cooperating Partners

Robert Almy, SB County Water Agency (County); Joe Barget, Vandenberg Village CSD; Bill Ferguson, City of Santa Barbara, Water Resources Division; McFarland, Goleta Water District; Kate Rees, COMB and CCRB; Juan Beltranena, County of Santa Barbara Parks Department; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria;

On the Conference Call

Marty Wilder, County, Laguna Sanitation District, Bob McDonald, Carpinteria Valley Water District

Others Present

Tom Evans, Dudek; Shruti Chandra, Aspen Environmental

Proceedings

The meeting began at 1:35 PM. There were no public comments for items not on the agenda. The meeting minutes from the March 12th meeting, were approved as written.

Step 2 Application Status

In the last meeting, the Partners directed the County to send out the letters to legislative members in support of the State dividing up Prop 50 funds equally among the northern and southern California regions. The two other entities, -San Diego and Antelope Valley that are in support of this are also circulating the letters among their internal interests. Rob Almy circulated the letters internally within the County which took some time and it is now on Assembly member Pedro Nava's desk. Rob Almy is still waiting for a response.

Rob Almy also discussed the letter that Ventura prepared directing the State to build Prop 84 and 1E into this year's budget to spur the economy. Teresa asked whether there was any concern internally within the County about coordinating both the application for Prop 84 and administration of Prop 50 grant funds at the same time if we awarded funding. Rob responded and said that he didn't think so, because there

is a good local benefit based on receiving and applying grant funds. The Partners agreed to support the County in coordinating with other entities to lobby for Prop 84 funding to be built into the current budget.

MOU for Prop 50 contract

The County has been working internally on the draft MOU for the Prop 50 grant administration, however, County counsel hasn't had time to finish their review and so it is not ready to be shared with the Partners quite yet. It will be ready to be sent to the Partners before the next meeting. In the meanwhile, we can share preliminary numbers on cost allocations amongst the project proponents so that they can anticipate what kinds of internal costs will be involved with Prop 50 grant administration.

Tracking System Development

Kennedy Jenks approached Rob Almy asking whether they could demonstrate the tracking system that they have developed for Ventura. Rob Almy wanted to ask the Partners first so that the process is fair among consultants. For the grant administration contract, the Partners can use the current MSA list or put it out to competitive bid and go beyond the MSA list. The group agreed that when consultants are interviewed then it would be a good time to demonstrate something things such as the tracking system. The Partners have decided to put the grant administration work out to competitive bid outside the County's MSA list.

Before we can put the grant administration contract out to bid, we need to hear from the State in order to understand how much money we are getting, what the scope of work/RFP will contain and how the MOU between each project proponent and County will look like, however, we need to understand what we are going to receive before we do those tasks.

Shruti Chandra will send out cost allocations to the Partners no later than 4/18.

We anticipate that funding may not actually come through until early 2009/late 2008.

Prop 84- What's Next?

Updates since last meeting

We do not know much about Prop 84 since the last meeting. There have not been any recent updates from DWR. We think that DWR knows what they want the guidelines to include but they are busy dealing with Prop 50.

MOU for Prop 84

We haven't made much progress yet. We need to start working on that once we get our arms around Prop 50.

Potential Projects for Prop 84

Now is the time to go through the project list from the IRWMP since we need to understand if projects have dropped off, changed or new ones need to come on. Once things get heated up with Prop 50, we may not have a lot of time to react. The project list update would be in the context of updating the IRWMP for Prop 84.

So far, we do know that we will need to add flood control as a discussion to the IRWMP based on the language in Prop 84.

If anyone else would like to participate in discussions with other entities within our region, please let us know. Kate Rees, Gary McFarland, Bill Ferguson and Teresa Reyburn would like to participate.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at one of the following three locations:
1) CCWA 2) Santa Barbara County facilities at Foster Rd. 3) City of Santa Maria landfill

The date will likely be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, May 21st

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM