

Meeting Minutes  
Santa Barbara Countywide  
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan  
Cooperating Partners Meeting  
Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
1:00 pm – 4:00 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;, Water Resources Division; McFarland, Goleta Water District; Kate Rees, COMB and CCRB; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria; Bob McDonald, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Bill Brennan, Central Coast Water Authority; Marty Wilder, County, Laguna Sanitation District.

**On the Conference Call**

Bill Ferguson, City of Santa Barbara;

**Others Present**

Tom Evans, Dudek; Shruti Chandra, Aspen Environmental

**Proceedings**

The meeting began at 1:25 PM. There were no public comments for items not on the agenda. The meeting minutes from the April 17th meeting were approved as written.

**Santa Barbara Region Preliminarily Awarded \$25 Million**

*Results from May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

Rob Almy and Kathy Caldwell attended the meeting in Sacramento to discuss the draft funding recommendations made by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR). A pre-meeting was setup with Scott Couch from the SWRCB where our scoring was discussed. Based on the meeting with Scott Couch, we may receive one more point regarding matching funds based on some local matching dollars that were clarified and brought to light. Rob did not get a sense that there were any entities that thought that their point score could be brought up drastically enough to change the funding recommendations. The State expressed no interest in drastically re-evaluating any of the proposals that were submitted.

*Next Steps*

The final funding recommendations will be posted soon, possibly this week. We will have to see what the SWRCB staff report says in order to determine which way things are headed. There is a hearing scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and public comments can be received then.

There is a \$100 Million of unallocated funds from Prop 84 that could be allocated to Prop 50 Round 2 funding for Groundwater Assistance Fund. DWR is proposing to use the allocation for AB 303 funds. The group wants to see where support for this will lay before determining a position on this.

### *MOU for Prop 50 contract*

The Ventura Watersheds Coalition did not do an MOU. They are a good example to use because they have a similar number of projects and have executed a contract with SWRCB for Round 1 funds. One potential option for us is to execute grant agreements between each sub grantee. The question is whether it is easier to handle it through a grant agreement as opposed to an MOU.

The sub-grant agreements would be executed between each proponent and the County and then an overarching agreement with the State and the County.

We need to figure out what the tasks to include in the agreements and to determine the RFP. A good point brought to light was that there needs to be something in either the grant agreement or MOU that ties the project proponent together during the Prop 50, Round 2, Step 2 process

There was a discussion regarding the benefits and disadvantages of a grant agreement versus an MOU. The group needs to figure out what the best way to go will be. Everyone should take a second look at the MOU to make sure that overarching process and administration costs are covered in the document. Individual contracts could refer to the MOU.

Action Items: Revise the MOU and Finish and Circulate Principles. Shruti Chandra will send Ventura docs to all Partners again so that they can get an idea of what an executed grant agreement looks like with the SWRCB.

### *Consultant RFP*

Shruti prepared a summary of potential tasks for an RFP. Rob Almy and Shruti Chandra will discuss with Lynn Rodriguez and Sue Hughes from Ventura about what changes they would make to the scope of work. The tasks will be reviewed by the Partners and comments will be provided. One thing to keep in mind is that we need to sign grant agreement with State first.

The Project Proponents also decided that an RFP from Grant Administration should go out to multiple consultants outside of the County's MSA list.

### **Prop 84- What's Next?**

#### *Results from May 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

The County will send out an email to all the IRWMP Partners about Planning Grant monies that are available for Flood Management and Prop 84.

### *MOU for Prop 84*

We should begin preparing an MOU that covers planning grants, governance, etc. The County will prepare a set of principles shortly which will facilitate keeping the group together. We also need to know who may be participating in the application process.

***Potential Projects for Prop 84***

The IRWMP Partners should be prepared to nominate projects to be included into the Plan. We should use the documents provided to date by DWR regarding Prop 84 to guide the selection of projects.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in Santa Barbara.