

Draft Meeting Minutes
Santa Barbara Countywide
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Cooperating Partners Meeting
July 8, 2008
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: City of Santa Barbara, Granada Garage Conference Room

Conference call phone: 805-681-5400 and participant code 943590

Attendees

Cooperating Partners

Matt Naftaly, SB County Water Agency (County); Tom Fayram, SB County Water Resources Division; Joe Barget, Vandenberg Village CSD; Gary McFarland, Goleta Water District; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria; Tom Conti, City of Santa Barbara; Janet Gingras, COMB and CCRB; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Marty Wilder, Laguna Sanitation District; Kathleen Werner, Goleta Sanitary District; Matt Van der Linden, Goleta Water District; Matt Griffin, County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District; Craig Murray, Carpinteria Sanitary District; Ruben Moreno, City of Guadalupe.

On the Conference Call

Robert Almy, SAIC

Others Present

Tom Evans, Dudek; Shruti Chandra, Aspen Environmental

Proceedings

The meeting began at 9:20 am. There were no public comments for items not on the agenda. The meeting minutes from the June 11th meeting were approved as written.

Personnel Changes

Matt Naftaly introduced himself as the Interim Water Agency Manager following Rob Almy's departure from the position. He discussed how the Prop 50 process would be dealt with over the next few months.

Santa Barbara Region Awarded \$25 Million

Principles for Sub-Agreement/Ongoing MOU

The principles for the sub-agreements between the Project Proponents and the County were distributed to the Partners previously. Tom Evans, Rob Almy, Tom Fayram and Matt Naftaly discussed issues around the Principles. The issue regarding Casmalia CSD's cash flow issues was also discussed. Tom Fayram suggested that one option would be to discuss receiving an advance from the State with the first invoice to deal with these types of issues. The question

also arose as to when reimbursement from the State would begin for all projects. The State needs to be contacted to ask about how reimbursement issues would be dealt with.

State's timeline for grant agreement

Matt Naftaly discussed the timeline for having the grant agreement executed for Prop 50 which is anticipated to happen by the end of the year.

Draft Grant Administration Tasks/Contract for Overall Grant Management/Project Implementation Tracking and Reporting System

The issue regarding the MSA list contractors and who should be brought on board for the grant administration contract was discussed. A competitive process involving the issuance of an RFP was brought up as an option in soliciting grant administration services. The meeting scheduled on July 17th in Sacramento with the State will help clarify some of these issues surrounding the requirements of the State.

For grant administration, there are a few major questions that need to be addressed, one is process and how the consultant will be selected among the Partners and then what the scope of work will look like.

The County will prepare a Draft Request for Qualifications and the Partners will assist in preparation of selection criteria for selection of a consultant. The County would like to require a statement from the consultant that would include whether the firm has the time to work on the scope of work within the established schedule.

Shruti Chandra will compile a list of consultants to send the RFQ out to. Tom Fayram and Matt Naftaly will prepare an SOQ to circulate to Dudek and Aspen, which will then be revised and sent to the prospective consultants.

Send in all CEQA compliance documents

Shruti Chandra circulated a partially completed matrix containing information on the status of CEQA compliance for the Project Proponents to update. Copies of the documents need to be sent to the State. The issue of how the state will look at CEQA documents needs to be clarified.

Future Meeting/site Visits with the SWRCB Grant Management team- Scott Couch and Kelley List

Site visits to the project sites by SWRCB are scheduled for August 14th and 15th. Details on the nature of the site visits and the preparation that needs to happen prior will be intimated to the Partners soon.

IRWMP Survey

Len Fleckenstein filled out a survey circulated by the Roundtable of Regions regarding each region's experience with the Prop 50 process. The Partners were asked to review the survey and if there are no comments, then we will send out to the Roundtable of Regions.

Prop 84- What's Next?

Central Coast Region Coordination

Draft Regional Priorities were prepared by the Central Coast region and our region needs to provide input.

It was decided that Shruti Chandra will be the interim point of contact for Prop 84.

Development of MOU for Prop 84

If we begin to develop a Central Coast region list of priorities, this will help us be ahead of the game when planning for additional grant funds.

Tracking Development of Guidelines

Guidelines for Prop 84 are expected to be released in the Fall of 2008.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on August 5th at 11:15 AM, location to be determined based on availability.