

## Minutes

Santa Barbara Countywide IRWMP Cooperating Partners Meeting  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor's Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
410 East Cypress Street, Lompoc  
October 12, 2006, 9:30 A.M. – 12:50 P.M.

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## Attendees

### Cooperating Partners

Cynthia Allen, Vandenberg Village CSD; Robert Almy, Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Jeff Dameron, La Cumbre Water District; Eric Erland, City of Lompoc; Len Fleckenstein, Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Bill Ferguson, City of Santa Barbara Water Resources Division; Gary McFarland, GWD; Warren Morgan, LCSD; Kate Rees, CCRB and COMB; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria; Susan Segovia, City of Lompoc; Rick Sweet, City of Santa Barbara; Bruce Wales, Santa Ynez RWCD; Susan Warnstrom, 4<sup>th</sup> District Office; Kathleen Werner, Goleta Sanitary District; Martin Wilder, LCSD

### Others Present

Kathy Caldwell, CH2M HILL; Shruti Chandra, Santa Barbara County Water Agency/Dudek; Lorraine Woodman, CH2M HILL

## Proceedings

### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 by Rob Almy.

Kathy Caldwell announced that a DWR representative would attend the next Cooperating Partners meeting, to be held on October 19, 2006 at the Goleta Water District offices.

Rob Almy announced that the Montecito Sanitary District voted unanimously on Monday to participate in the MOU. Virtually every wastewater and water provider in the County is a participant. The City of Goleta did not sign the MOU, but is cooperating with the process.

Rob Almy met with a committee from the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project and discussed the potential for them to nominate projects. They were concerned that they weren't brought in as a Cooperating Partner. Rob explained the financial commitment required and encouraged them to work through cities or other agencies with direct regulatory responsibility for their potential projects.

Hillary Hauser of Heal the Ocean contacted Rob Almy. They are supportive of this process and see the benefit of bringing in funding for variety of projects, including stormwater management.

Shruti Chandra indicated that Stephen Bridge from Lompoc wanted to be on the Stakeholders List.

### Public Comments for those Items not on the Agenda

No public comments were received.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Bruce Wales moved to approve the meeting minutes from the September 28, 2006 meeting of the Cooperating Partners, Bill Ferguson seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously.

### **General Update**

Cooperating Partners need to provide plans, including capital improvement plans, groundwater management plans, and drinking water plans. Rob Almy has prepared a matrix showing missing plans. Hard copies should be provided to the County, who will scan them. All plans must be submitted by Monday.

Projects to be included in the IRWMP can include those that are ready to go, those that may be ready to go within several years, and those that may occur further in the future.

### **Strategies and Objectives**

Strategies from State Water Plan will be considered in the IRWMP because they likely will be required for the second round of funding. We need to look at the definitions of strategies in the State Water Plan. Strategies that are currently being implemented in the County that wouldn't change as a result of the IRWMP will be identified in the plan.

Surface Water Management and Use is incorporated in several strategies. It should be a heading, with several strategies under it. The following mandatory and optional strategies will be included in the IRWMP.

- 1) Ecosystem Restoration
- 2) Environmental and habitat protection and improvement
- 3) Water supply reliability
- 4) Flood management
- 5) Groundwater management
- 6) Recreation and public access
- 7) Stormwater capture and management
- 8) Water conservation
- 9) Water quality protection and improvement
- 10) Water recycling
- 11) Wetlands enhancement and creation
- 12) Conjunctive use
- 13) Desalination
  - a) Reuse

- b) Primary
- c) Brackish
- 14) Imported water
  - a) Increase reliability, through conjunctive use decreases need to import more
- 15) Surface storage
- 16) Water and wastewater treatment
- 17) Water transfers
  - a) Sharing facilities to efficiently manage infrastructure
- 18) Drinking water treatment and distribution
- 19) Economic incentives
- 20) Groundwater remediation and aquifer remediation
- 21) Matching water quality to water use
- 22) Precipitation enhancement
- 23) Urban runoff management
- 24) Surface water management and use (note: some strategies may belong in more than one place)
  - a) Storage
  - b) Flood protection and management
- 25) Watershed planning

**Land Use** – This is not a strategy, per se, but will be addressed. The IRWMP will acknowledge the existing planning framework, but will not talk about changing land use to meet IRWMP objectives. Water and wastewater agencies provide those services in support of land use that is planned by others. They have no authority to plan land use.

### **Objectives**

The four State objectives will be included in the plan: water supply, groundwater management, ecosystem restoration, and water quality.

Emergency planning will be included as a fifth objective, including planning for droughts, seismic events, etc. Santa Barbara is considered a leader in emergency planning, and may want to seek funding in the future for things such as development of more wells, surface water reservoirs, etc. that would help in times of drought or other natural disaster.

Another potential objective is “Sustain the economic health of the regional agricultural and urban economy.” Rob Almy will discuss this with the Agricultural Advisory Committee – this may just be a benefit, not an objective.

## **Project Ranking**

Two methods could be used in the IRWMP: numerical ranking or generally grouping projects that meet the criteria. Projects eventually will have to be prioritized for the actual grant applications.

Readiness to proceed is a common criterion. Another possible criterion is “benefits multiple agencies within the region.”

The more general approach will be used in the IRWMP. CH2M HILL will provide some general criteria others have used before the next week.

## **Draft Outreach Plan**

Cooperating Partners are to review the mailing list comprising 900 entities and individuals and delete/add names as needed. All key constituents/stakeholders need to be included.

Environmental justice refers to disproportionate effects on a community without access to resources/there is implied discrimination.

Cooperating Partners need to document all outreach efforts through minutes, agendas, meeting records, etc. and send to Shruti.

PowerPoint presentations to the Cooperating Partners will be posted on the website so they can be shared with the Boards.

It will be necessary to coordinate with San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties during the IRWMP preparation.

Cooperating Partners are to email Kathy Caldwell with changes or corrections.

## **Outline**

Cooperating Partners are to send comments on the outline as soon as possible.

## **Concluding Discussion**

The County needs to get plans from VAFB, and the IRMWP needs to discuss VAFB’s ecosystem restoration.

Rob Almy and Shruti Chandra will contact the 3<sup>rd</sup> District office to discuss contacting the Chumash Indian Reservation.

Hollister Ranch is isolated in terms of geography and systems integration; it is not an MOU signatory, but is an important stakeholder.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.