

**Santa Barbara Countywide
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Cooperating Partners Meeting Minutes**

**November 30, 2006
9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Meeting Location:
City of Santa Barbara, Granada Parking Garage, Conference Room**

Attendees

Cooperating Partners

Cynthia Allen, Vandenberg Village CSD; Robert Almy, Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Joe Barget, Vandenberg Village CSD; Bill Brennan, CCWA; Chris Dahlstrom, SYRWCD, ID #1; Eric Erland, City of Lompoc; Bill Ferguson, City of Santa Barbara Water Resources Division; Len Fleckenstein, Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Hillary Hauser, Heal the Ocean; Coleen Lund, City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation; Bob McDonald, CVWD; Gary McFarland, GWD; Autumn McKee, City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division; Tom Mosby, MWD; Kim Nilsson, City of Carpinteria; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria; Bruce Wales, Santa Ynez RWCD; Susan Warnstrom, 4th District Office; Kathleen Werner, Goleta Sanitary District; Martin Wilder, LCSD (via telephone)

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 9:15 by Rob Almy. The Cooperating Partners have been invited to a joint meeting between Vandenberg Village CSD and the Mission Hills Board of Directors. The Cooperating Partners should share this type of information with elected officials and invite the County to meetings with their decision makers as appropriate.

Public comments for items not on the agenda

No comments were received.

Approval of 11-14-06 meeting minutes

The minutes were approved.

General update on progress

CH2M HILL is updating the project tables.

A subcommittee is meeting to discuss integration.

Concerns had been raised regarding the tight schedule. There appears to be some slack in the schedule based on input from DWR; the first round of implementation proposals later will be due later than anticipated. The budget implications are not yet known; this will be discussed with CH2M HILL and Dudek. The extended schedule will allow the incorporation of more projects with a balanced geographic distribution. Cooperating Partners need to fill out project information forms for new projects. Conceptual projects are acceptable – they show that the plan is looking forward.

Bruce Wales -- readiness to proceed is a key criterion. Suggested breaking out projects that will be ready within 0-2 years.

Gary McFarland – a planning horizon can be 20 years – it takes much time to implement projects, and also depends on funding available.

Rob Almy – the IRWMP will be a living document that will be reviewed periodically.

Kathy Caldwell – Planning Grant funding will be available for the second round

Rob Almy – projects that fall within the criteria for Prop 50 should be included even if they also get funding through other sources. Projects that are already funded should not be included, but they are part of the regional setting and information should be provided by the Partners for such projects.

Kathy Caldwell – There are other sources of money for feasibility studies. They probably wouldn't rise to the top in this plan. Some regions are doing numeric ranking, most are more general. Projects need to be ranked for the implementation grants. It is important that the IRWMP be approved by the Cooperating Partners' Boards and that letters of support from NGOs be provided. The State won't look at the plan until get they get the implementation grant proposals. It is also important to work closely with DWR staff now.

Len Fleckenstein – he is still trying to get in touch with the correct staff person at VAFB – he also will be talking to TetraTech. We need some planning documents from VAFB, not projects.

Joe Barget--Retired military personnel are on the Vandenberg Village CSD Board – he will try to get them to help.

Rob Almy – It would be good for them to attend stakeholder workshops.

Susan Warnstrom – VAFB's installation restoration project is an important project – Rob McClelland would be good to invite to the Board meeting.

Bill Brennan--CCWA has a link to VAFB. Information perhaps could be extracted from CCWA's documents.

Draft "Key Water Issues and Challenges"

The IRWMP needs to make clear the significance of the Cachuma Project Settlement Agreement.

Carpinteria – groundwater is a key issue.

Chris Dahlstrom will contact the Chumash and encourage them to attend meetings.

We have the USFS planning documents – don't need to contact them at this point.

Agencies to provide input to Bill by next Tuesday, except for Bruce Wales, who will get back to Bill by Dec 14th.

The regional priorities need to relate to the local issues and challenges.

Integration

Integration can occur in multiple ways (e.g., watershed approach-follow the drop of water; specific strategies, such as recycled water; focus on a specific area, such as Goleta Slough). Gary McFarland will talk to Kamil Azoury regarding distribution systems. It is important to demonstrate that conversations are going on regarding trying to integrate.

Stakeholder workshops – December 5 and 6

The flyers were reviewed; Shruti will contact people to encourage attendance.

Date and location for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 19 at CCWA in Buellton.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 by Rob Almy.