

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

May 14, 2007
12 PM – 4 PM

Meeting Location:

County Employees University, 267 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara

Attendees

Cooperating Partners

Robert Almy, Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Joe Barget, Vandenberg Village CSD; Mark Bennett, Carpinteria Sanitary District; Chris Dahlstrom, SYRWCD, ID #1; Tully Clifford, City of Solvang; Jeff Dameron, La Cumbre Mutual Water Company; Bill Ferguson, City of Santa Barbara; Len Fleckenstein, SB County Water Agency; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Autumn Malanca, City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division; Vickie Margadonna, Carpinteria Sanitary District; Gary McFarland, GWD; Ruben Moreno, City of Guadalupe; Wendy Mota, SYRWCD, ID#1; Kate Rees, CCRB and COMB; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria; Mike Riley, Mission Hills CSD; Susan Segovia, City of Lompoc; Terri Stricklin, Casmalia CSD; Bruce Wales, Santa Ynez RWCD; Kathleen Werner, Goleta Sanitary District; Marty Wilder, Laguna Sanitation District;

Others Present

Shruti Chandra, Santa Barbara County Water Agency/Dudek; Kenyon Hunt, Black & Veatch

Proceedings

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Rob Almy

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

The minutes of the May 3, 2007 Cooperating Partners meeting were approved as written

Update on Internal Draft of Final IRWMP

Rob Almy: The consultant, CH2MHill, is making final edits to the final IRWMP, and will send a camera-ready copy on May 18 to the County for internal printing.

The Cooperating Partners should be scheduling their boards for approval of the IRWMP. We will send example approval resolutions from the State's Guidelines and from Ventura County. We should all be aiming for approvals in June.

Consultant Assistance for Prop 50 Step 1 Submittal

Rob Almy: We are awaiting a contract amendment proposal from CH2MHill in order to prepare the Step 1 submittal for Prop 50 grant application. CH's contract amendment will have to go to the County Board for approval. Amending Dudek's contract will be easier because it's a purchase order. The County will invoice Cooperating Partners for a pro-rata share of consultant costs, based on the same relative share used in the original MOU. Invoices will be mailed.

Chris Dahlstrom: requested an electronic invoice asap because he is meeting very soon with his Board.

Commenting on State Guidelines:

Comments on the guidelines are due to the State on May 24th. We will consolidate comments received to date and provide them to the State

Project Selection Process and Ranking:

Rob Almy: We need to have a sense of which projects from our IRWMP we are likely to put forward in the Step 2 grant application. We need to develop a list that everyone is comfortable with, but we need to be flexible.

Rob reminded the group that we had previously agreed on a process in which each agency makes a 2 minute presentation on 1 project, discussing the project in terms of the State's criteria for scoring under Step 2, including the cost, percent match, scope of the project, and how it relates to the State's preferences as indicated in the draft Guidelines. Some uncertainty remains as to how to calculate "percent match" for project funding.

Presentations were made for the projects listed below. A summary of key points made in each presentation is appended at the end of these minutes.

After the presentations, the attendees agreed not to rank these projects today, but to do it by email. Shruti will send a "ballot" for each Partner to indicate level of support in 3 categories:

1. Support
2. Support with Greater Match:
3. Don't Support:

Partners will fill in the ballot based on distribution of \$25m to 30m dollars countywide.

Before ballot is sent by Shruti, the Partners need to confirm the likely matching funds by noon tomorrow (5/15) by email to Shruti.

Next meeting:

Friday 5/18 -9:30 AM- Pending meeting location; perhaps Goleta Sanitary.

Rob Almy adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm

Summary Notes on Project Presentations at 5/14/07 IRWMP Meeting:

1. La Cumbre Mutual- Blended Irrigation Project

- 12% goes to La Cumbre Golf Course- all State Water
- 2 wells at a total of 1,000 gpm- can't use because high iron and manganese levels.
- Lower quality now, eliminate chemicals, and energy for treatment. At 100 % max at peak loads.
- Lake would be used as a catch basin- Supplemental irrigation & supply
- Total cost \$500K; asking for \$250 K
- Applies a lot of things: is innovative, and is what the State is looking for.
- Need 11 mos to do and a few months lead time. Yes will be constructable by Sept- 08

2. City of Guadalupe-WWTP Upgrade

- Have been out of compliance due to TDS, need to meet RWQCB requirements.
- Current discharge to a ditch, spray irrigated. BOD also an issue
- Total cost 11.5 M
- Matching 30%= 3.3 M.; even though Guadalupe is a disadvantaged community and can be exempt from match funds
- Can meet timelines including all the various components. Issuance of permits
 - Black & Veatch is working on tech. feasibility and report is going to City Council in June. Econ. Analysis.
- WQ improvement, wetlands recharge, supply reliability, Flood Control...can incorporate, Recreation
- Working with USACE, CDFG, USFWS.
- Maybe look at wetlands mitigation

3. Casmalia

- Casmalia CSD operates and owns a portion of a potable water system. Serves 65 people Casmite ran the whole thing. Well site had several deficiencies, pipelines have become issues. Want to own the system. CPUC has been regulating well site
- Need a grant to own the system. To date, Unocal has done some maintenance. Main thing is to replace pipeline. They are already starting to acquire easements...CEQA will start after.
- Original Project- \$750,000- Requesting 750K

4. Cuyama: 2 projects

- Convert their discharge to percolation ponds
- approx. 600 people.
- Have not executed a feasibility study.
- need \$'s for study,
- Convert NPDES to WDR's
- cost = \$500 K- perc ponds
- also \$200 K- foe Water tank- Tank is old, need to be re-lined, doesn't require any permits.
- Both Projects would meet prop 50 schedule

5. Carp Sanitary District-Carp Bluffs Sewer Relocation Project-

- Clay pipe that sits on the bluff, sewer line is exposed. Risk of sewage spill into Ocean. - Line is above RR tracks. Line was placed there in 1950's. Bluff retreat has occurred where parts of pipe are within 6 feet of the bluff end. Moving from cliff to Road ROW. Gravity Flow
- Addressees WQ on State & Local levels.
- Design alternatives,
- project would be ready for 2008..
- Linked to Rincon Septic to Sewer Project. Project qualifies for a CEQA exemption (?)
- Total \$2.5; Match is 0.5 M = 25 %.

6. City of Santa Maria- WWTP expansion

- Ready to go. EIR is completed, 80% design phase
- Significant cash match; providing 75% cash match
- requesting \$5 million; Total project cost 19.2 M.
- construction will begin in early 2008.
- Project will assist Guadalupe and Orcutt because of recharge, improve water quality.
- Scientific & Tech Merit- Subject to GW adjudication associated with litigation.
- Avoid water supply infrastructure costs.
- addresses many State preferences: Water Quality, GW Recharge, assist DAC, helps Ag Community, Lessens burden on State Water.
- Essential conduit to GW banking.
- Co-gen project, a by-product is used to generate electricity. Expand capacity 9.5 to 12.5 gallons per day. ;

7. SYRWCD ID #1 -Gallery Well Filtration project

- Horizontal well, bank well, intake facility go across the SY River. When the river doesn't run, can't pump. Falls under Surface water treatment rule.
- Package filter Plant to be co-located at the well site; Own site, have everything in place.
- DHS is reviewing. Board approved subject to a funding source. CEQA document pending. Standard set of bid docs are prepared.
- Located with CCWA pumping plant.
- Total cost \$2.8 M- Matching funds 10%. \$280,000. Request 2.47 M.
- Schedule- yes, prelim plans are in place, Constructable by 2008.
- Done the studies, Water supply studies done by engineer,
- well would be used as a water supply. Project could off-set some of the demand from Solvang.
- cost- Econ analysis \$400-\$500 acre/ft. Less than 10% of production.
- addresses: Water Quality, Water Supply Reliability, allows for drought proofing, conjunctive use, relieve the Uplands GW Basin. Will allow district to use well year-round.

8. City of Solvang- Water Treatment Plant

- \$1.8 Million total cost
- 10% match. Therefore, asking \$1.6 M.
- Same situation as ID#1. Can't us currentwell...

- ready to go.
- Match well production 350 gpm.

9. Carpinteria Valley Water District-Water Transmission Main and ASR well

- Enable them to use GW. Key to conjunctive use because functions as an injection well.
- On the cusp of failing standards for haloacetic acids.
- EIR done, studies are done. Drawings are done for transmission main.
- Match \$1 M, it's a \$5 M Project.
- Have an AB 3030 Plan- GW Mgmt Plan.
- Local Ag community have been involved with the GW Plan.
- Would double the amount of water to be stored,
- Ready to go...need money. Potential to build on this
- Conjunctive Use, Less Demand on State Water

10. City of Santa Barbara, Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project.

- Has been a priority project for a long time.
- Includes the removal of existing channel features and replacement to natural channel bank features.
- Funding being requested from State St. NW to Gutierrez St,
- EIR/EIS being completed.; Coastal Conservancy approved a coastal consistency determination.
- City and County Flood Control joint project.
- addresses: water quality, flood control.; also Steelhead, Goby monitoring
- improve GW percolation, improves natural treatment of water. Protecting Public Safety.
- Overall project costs- 10 M with 50% match of 5 M
- It's ready to proceed
- USACE indicated that the improvements exceeds the cost.

11. County Agricultural Commissioners Office, SY Arundo Eradication Project

- Arundo grows quickly. Lowers bio-diversity and is not a food source. Increase maintenance- Can back up behind bridges. Rebounds quicker than native vegetation. ; Will collect soil and divert streams which creates flooding problems. Can create water conservation problems. Use much more water than native vegetation. Increases water quality issues, increases soil salinity- Applies to Tamarix; They are regulated as noxious weeds. Requested to revisit the problem of Arundo and Tamarix in SY River....has increased in size. We need to get it before it becomes an issue.
- Asking for \$100 K for 1st part for mapping and then targeted removal. Cost is going to be total of \$150K.
- Match = 33%. Will look for other funding sources as well.
- Habitat conservation, flooding.
- Directed spray, very little impact to water quality.
- Enhances the ability to recharge the Lompoc Plain. Fisheries side benefits for steelhead.

12. COMB- South Coast Conduit

- Lauro Reservoir- Peak demands have increased over time. Secondary pipeline in the Goleta area for redundancy, reliability, aging infrastructure. 48" to 7800' pipeline. South Portal of Tecolote Tunnel to Glen Annie turnout.
- Currently, no secondary source of water for South Coast.

- Critical for Cachuma member units. Would be ready for Sept. 2008.
- Benefit 200,000 people.
- Project costs 10 M, includes everything.
- 50% match, Board would commit to 5 M.
- EIR/EIS is underway, NOP has been prepared. Scoping mtg on 5/17. Land acquisition is already place. Winter 2007-2008. Ready to construct Summer 2008.
- Pipeline Project- Boyle Engineering....would provide engineering oversight. Reliability Alternatives Study...was most neededl in that list.
- Water Supply Reliability, Emergency Preparedness. Integration and multiple benefits- Increase water supply 42 M gpd to 65 M gpd

13. Vandenberg Village CSD, WWTP upgrade

- Designed in 1974, Vandenberg Airforce Base, VVCSD, City of Lompoc.
- Need to be upgraded to meet new regulatory standards.
- VVCSD Project Share- Total Project Cost- 16.5 M, Asking for 5M,
 - 11.5 M matching funds built into rate structure (70% match). Rest of the \$'s is coming out of City of Lompoc and Vandenberg AFB.
- Design is completed
- Multiple Benefits- Solely rely on Lompoc Uplands GW Basin. Important for treating water and recharge. 303(d) listed water body for that stretch

14. Goleta Water District-ASR Well Rehab Program

- One more well needs to be rehabbed. Cost is 1 M,
- District requesting \$400 K=60 % match
- Conjunctive use. Can make more water available for D/S users because won't be using as much State Water.
- Will increase fire flow. We can re-size backwash tanks.
- Can be ready to go by Sept. 08.
- Goleta GW Basin has been studied. Planning on doing GW Modeling.
- Increase the extraction and injection capabilities.

15. Goleta Sanitary District- - Fairview Ave Sewer Line Replacement

- This project was identified as a priority in 2000
- Requesting 1.5 M = 50% out of 3 Million.
- Wastewater treatment for the Santa Barbara Airport. Runs along San Pedro Creek to the South. Sewer overflow would be catastrophic. Could affect Goleta Beach.
- Proposal to abandon the line alongside San Pedro Creek and put it on the eastern side of Fairview. Not growth inducing. Traffic and dust control are the biggest issues during the construction.
- By replacing line, would reduce maintenance, less root and debris intrusion.

16. Laguna county Sanitation- Phase II Recycle Water Treatment

- Phase I completed in 2004. Only mechanism is re-use or irrigation for discharge. 9,050' of pipeline, golf course would use recycled water. American ethanol would construct a dedicated pump station.
- \$2.5 Million, 1.5 M= 60% match.
- Draft EIR was released. Would begin July 1st.

- Existing monitoring requirements with RWQCB. Future phases will be there with increased development.

17. County Flood Control, Santa Maria River Levee

- \$12 M total project costs

- 10 % match.

- Ready to construct. Technical Studies have been done. Start pursuing CEQA.

- Protect people & property.

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