

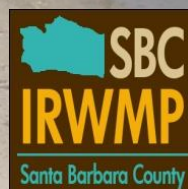


Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan 2013 Objectives, Targets, Projects Workgroup Project Prioritization Workshop #1



Water and the Environment

September 27,
2012



Workshop #1 Agenda

- Timetable
- Review of “Operating Guidelines”
- Status of issues, objectives, and targets
- Project prioritization process for IRWM Plan 2013
- Project integration and development
- DAC assistance
- Expanding workgroup for project prioritization
- Opportunities for public input and public comment period

Decisions for Today

Agreement on...

- Approval of draft targets
- Agreement on prioritization process
 - Pass/Fail Screening
 - Initial Prioritization
 - Project scoring and ranking
 - Review of project info for accuracy
 - Timetable
- Expansion of the Workgroup for project prioritization

Timetable

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	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec						
Assistance to DACs													
Kick-off Meeting/Public Meeting (May 24)	★												
OPTI Project Database/Training Sessions													
Call for Projects (6/14 - 9/17)													
Workshop #1 (9/27)								★					
ReviewsTop Tier Projects for Accuracy													
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Workshop #2 - Project Integration and Prioritization (10/23)										★			
Review of Draft Prioritization by CP													
Workshop #3 (11/14)												★	

Operating Guidelines Review

- Individual responsibility
 - Have clear authority to represent agency or organization
 - Participation in meetings and review of TMs and draft/final Plan
- Ground rules
 - Listen as an ally
 - All perspectives are valued; everyone has an opportunity to participate
 - Focus on new input
 - Be concise

Workgroup Decision-making

- Strive to achieve consensus whenever possible
- Simple majority vote for non-consensus situations
- Levels of consensus
 1. Unqualified “yes” (decision is expression of group’s wisdom)
 2. Decision is “perfectly acceptable” (best option)
 3. I can “live with” the decision (but not enthusiastic about it)
 4. I “do not fully agree and need to register my view”(I am willing to support decision because I trust wisdom of the group)
 5. I “do not agree” (request it be noted there was no consensus)
 6. I feel no clear sense of unity in group. Need to do more work.

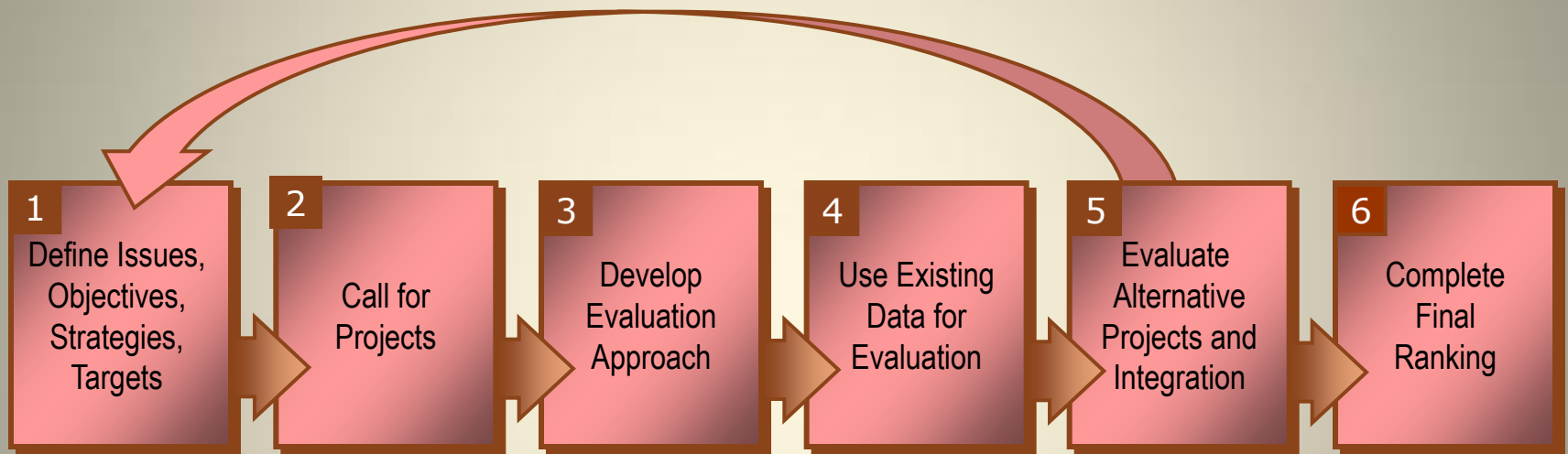
Considerations for Voting Rules and Consensus

- Workgroup should strive to achieve consensus (Levels 1 – 4)
- If not in consensus (one or more members vote at Consensus Level 5 or 6), the workgroup should continue discussion in an attempt to reach consensus.
- The workgroup Consultant will be responsible for deciding when the group is at an impasse, and will call for a vote at that point.
- Workgroups will make non-consensus decisions by vote. A simple majority will be sufficient for moving the topic at hand forward.

Review Issues, Objectives, and Targets

- Issues
- Objectives
- Targets

Steps in Project Prioritization Process



Call for Projects and OPTI

- “Call for Projects” – June 14 – Sept 17
- Submit projects through IRWM project database (OPTI)
 - Required to be considered for Prop 84 and 1E grants – complete submittal by September 17, 2012
 - Data collection for IRWM Plan 2013 – continuous submittal
- OPTI (project data entry) Workshop at 11:00 am, July 12
- Project prioritization begins September 27, 2012 for IRWM Plan 2013

2013 IRWM Project Prioritization for Plan

Pass/Fail Screening

Water Related
Meets at least one
Regional Objective

PASS

FAIL

Not in
Plan

Initial Prioritization

Identified in an Existing Plan
Implementable by 10/13
In Final Design/Docs complete
Cost and Funding Info Provided
CEQA Underway/Complete
Permitting Underway/Complete
Matching Funds Committed

Top %

Tier 1 Plan
Projects

Lower
%

Tier 2 Plan
Projects

Project Scoring and Ranking

Funding Match Proof
Benefit/Cost Analysis
Technical Feasibility
Monitoring/Assessment
Technical Info Available
Benefits DAC/Tribe
Project Status Proof
Climate Change/GHG
Multiple Benefits/Obj
Other

Top %

Grant Application

Final

Projects as a Package

Address Issues
Achieve Objectives
Contribute to Targets
Cost-effective
Ready-to-Go
High Benefit/Cost Ratio
Geographic Distribution
Balance of Project Types
Collaborative
Integrated
Technical Info Complete

Tier 1 Ranking

- Agree on criteria
- Each criteria weighted
- Weighting
 - Less important
 - Equally important
 - More important
- Ranking + weighting will identify projects with highest benefit

Tier 1 Plan
Projects



Project Scoring and Ranking

Funding Match Proof

Benefit/Cost Analysis (ratio higher than 1:1)

Benefits can be monetized

Technical Feasibility

Monitoring and Assessment Appropriate

Technical Info Available

Benefits DAC/Tribe

Proof of Project Status

Climate Change and GHG

Multiple Benefits and Objectives

Integrated

Review of Project Info for Accuracy

- Guidelines – each project be reviewed individually for accuracy
- Accuracy Review by Workgroup
 - Homework – each workgroup member reviews 5+ projects
 - Workgroup Meeting –
 - Entire Workgroup reviews evaluations
 - Meets with project proponents

Prioritization as Aid to Decision-making Process

- Tool to help facilitate consensus among stakeholders
- Ranked project list not necessarily the final project list
- Future rounds will re-prioritize
- DACs may get special consideration

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Meeting Objectives with Alternate Project Approaches

- Create subcommittee within Workgroup
- Determine if there is more efficient way to meet objectives
- Project “building” to integrate
 - “Off-the-shelf” project becomes regional project
 - Multiple agency project sponsors, shared resources (e.g. climate change)
- Discuss alternative project approaches to
 - Reduce GHG
 - Incorporate climate change considerations

Workshop #2

Public Workshop for Project Prioritization and Integration

- Overview of Kick-off meeting and Workshop #1
- Review Guidelines re: Project Prioritization
- Update on issues, objectives, strategies, and targets
- Focus on agricultural outreach
- Review “Call for Projects” process and
- Review project list (what is missing)
- Integration
- Project prioritization process
- Review draft scoring of projects
- Future opportunities for public input
- Agree on how project list will be updated in the future (continual acceptance of projects – no re-adoption of Plan required)
- Schedule

Workshop #3

- Review incorporation of public comments
- Review consultant memorandum on how Plan projects meet regional objectives and implements Plan
- Review draft scoring of Priority Projects
- Review draft scoring using alternative weighting approaches
- Re-score, if appropriate and finalize prioritization
- Determine appropriate tiering of projects including top priority projects
- Look at benefits of all Tier 1 projects together relative to cost
- Review realities of applying for Implementation Grant

Discussion on Expanding Workgroup for Prioritization Process

- Goal
 - Broaden representation
 - Accommodate increased workload
- Volunteers
 - Steering Committee
 - Cooperating Partners
 - Other workgroups

DAC Assistance for Project Development

- All DAC communities have been
 - contacted and kept abreast of the on-going IRWM processes
 - consulted on the development of the Update to the Plan
 - personally contacted about the County's IRWM MOU
 - encouraged to identify needs for grant funding
 - offered the opportunity to meet with County IRWMP Staff to discuss projects
 - offered technical assistance for potential project
 - assisted in uploading projects to the OPTI system
- All DAC communities that requested it, received personal consultations with County IRWMP Staff to discuss, develop and scope project

Decisions for Today

Agreement on...

- Project Selection Team members
- The process (goals, steps, and timetable)
- Team member responsibilities (i.e. attendance at workshops, authority to represent organization, provide project info for short and long form, assistance at public workshop, etc.)
- How to support the Team
- Method of communications

Public Comment Period

- Opportunities for public input
 - Workgroup participation
 - Public workshops
 - Review of draft IRWM Plan
- Public Comment Period




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