

Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan 2013 Steering Committee Meeting

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Water and the Environment

April 18, 2012



Agenda

- SB County Update
- Review of Ground Rules and Decision-making
- Outreach and Workgroup Liaison Reports
- Issues and Objectives
- DWR Grant Schedule Update and Round 2 Discussion
- Finance and Governance
- Public Workshop – May 22 (Solvang City Chambers, 5:30 – 7 pm)
- Public Comments
- Next Meeting -

Steering Committee Responsibilities

- Group Responsibilities
 - Governance, Finance, and Outreach
 - Review of deliverables, workgroup products, draft/final Plan
 - Participation in workgroup(s)
 - Overall leadership
- Individual Responsibilities
 - Meeting attendance
- Meeting frequency
 - Bi-monthly



Ground Rules

- Listen as an ally
- All perspectives are valued; everyone has an opportunity to participate
- Focus on new input
- Be concise

Decision-Making

- Strive to achieve consensus; non-consensus by simple majority
- **Levels of Consensus**
 1. I can say an **unqualified “yes”** to the decision. I am satisfied that the decision is an express of wisdom of the group.
 2. I find the decision **perfectly acceptable**. It is the best of the options available.
 3. I can **live with** the decision. However, I am not especially enthusiastic about it.
 4. I do not fully agree with the decision and need to register my view about it. However, I do not choose to block the decision and will **stand aside**. I am willing to support the decision because I trust the wisdom of the group.
 5. I **do not agree** with the decision and request that it be noted that the decision was not made by consensus.
 6. I feel that we have no clear sense of unity in the group. We need to do more work before consensus can be achieved.

Regional Issues and Conflicts

- Santa Maria River Watershed
 - Proposed flows for steelhead passage into Sisquoc may reduce yields from Twitchell Reservoir
 - Reduced reservoir capacity due to sedimentation
 - Need to improve water quality (TMDLs) and stormwater management
 - Cuyama Groundwater Basin overdraft
 - Conflict between water quality and food safety in agriculture
 - Lack of affordable supply in Casmalia
- San Antonio Creek
 - Groundwater and stream water quality
 - Possible groundwater overdraft

Regional Issues and Conflicts

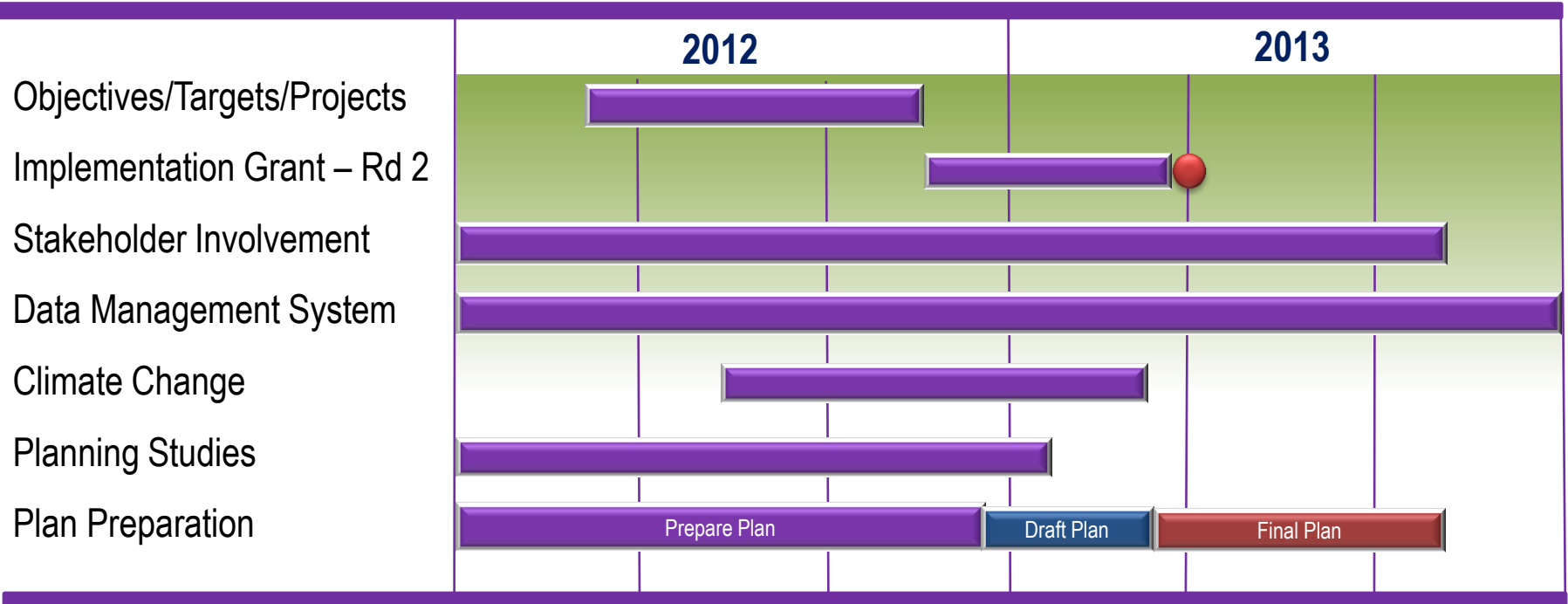
- Santa Ynez River Watershed
 - Water quality in shallow groundwater in Santa Ynez Uplands
 - Need to manage water quality and address TMDL standards
 - Vegetation, habitat and invasive species management
 - Loss of Gibraltar storage capacity
- South Coast
 - Need to capture untapped sources of renewable energy through redesign of water system
 - Inadequate storage facilities in Goleta
 - Potential saltwater intrusion when groundwater supply reduced
 - Shallow groundwater contamination at orphaned sites
 - Pollution of creeks and coastal waters (TMDL requirements)

Objectives

- Protect, conserve, and augment water supplies
- Protect, increase, and manage groundwater supplies
- Practice balanced resource stewardship
- Protect and improve water quality
- Improve flood management
- Improve emergency preparedness
- Maintain and enhance water and wastewater infrastructure efficiency and reliability
- Plan for and adapt to climate change
- Ensure equitable distribution of benefits

Timeline 2012-2013

Tasks



● Implementation Grant Due Date

Prop 84 Total Awards by Funding Area

Funding Area	Available for Grants	Round 1 Planning*	Round 1 Implementation
North Coast	\$33,855,000	\$500,000	\$8,221,061
San Francisco Bay	\$126,270,000	\$421,278	\$31,490,426
Central Coast	\$47,580,000	\$2,150,961	\$17,540,996
LA-Ventura	\$196,725,000	\$1,350,972	\$50,041,599
Santa Ana	\$104,310,000	\$500,000	\$12,660,004
San Diego	\$83,265,000	\$728,708	\$10,284,280
Sacramento River	\$66,795,000	\$1,991,627	\$17,501,269
San Joaquin River	\$52,155,000	\$1,406,218	\$13,438,947
Tulare/Kern	\$54,900,000	\$118,445	\$21,354,000
Lahontan	\$24,705,000	\$355,267	\$7,400,000
Colorado River	\$32,940,000	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000

Prop 84 Available for Future Awards

Funding Area	Remaining Balance	% Remaining
North Coast	\$25,133,939	68%
San Francisco Bay	\$94,358,296	68%
Central Coast	\$27,888,044	54%
LA-Ventura	\$145,332,429	68%
Santa Ana	\$91,149,996	80%
San Diego	\$72,252,012	79%
Sacramento River	\$47,302,104	65%
San Joaquin River	\$37,309,835	65%
Tulare/Kern	\$33,427,555	56%
Lahontan	\$16,949,733	63%
Colorado River	\$21,940,000	61%

Governance

- Mechanism that formalizes relationship of RWMG
- How does governance structure addresses:
 - Public outreach and involvement
 - Effective and open decision making
 - Balanced opportunity and access for participation
 - Coordination with neighboring regions, State and Federal gov'ts
 - Collaborative process for establishing objectives
 - Adapting to changes and updates to the Plan
- Update Plan and implement beyond existing grant programs

Finance

- Requires plan for implementing and financing identified projects/programs
- Identify known funding sources/mechanisms
 - Ratepayers
 - Operating Funds
 - Special taxes, assessments, and fees
 - State/Fed grants and loans
 - Local bonds
- Explain certainty/longevity of funding sources/mechanisms
- Explain how O&M costs for projects will be covered



Public Workshop – Meeting Topics

- IRWM Plan 2013 Background Information
 - Plan Components
 - Organization
- Schedule
- Outreach
- Workgroups Scopes of Work and Progress
- Data Management System – OPTI
- Project Selection Process
- Other

Issues and Challenges

- Drought
- Precipitation as rain, not snow
- Aging infrastructure
- Ocean water quality
- Drinking water quality
- Degraded habitat and ecosystems
- Groundwater overdraft



Objectives and Targets



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