

PROPOSITION 84 MEETING

Monday, May 11, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Central Coast Water Authority
255 Industrial Way
Buellton, CA

Conference Phone Number: 697-5249

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Attendees

Joe Barget, Vandenberg Village Community Services District; Andrew Dudley, CCWA; Matt Naftaly, Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Shruti Ramaker, Casmalia Community Services District; Tully Clifford, City of Solvang; Tom Conti, City of Santa Barbara; Michelle Ricker, City of Buellton; Bruce Wales, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District; Matt van der Linden, Goleta Water District; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria; Steve Kahn, City of Santa Maria; Kevin Walsh, Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Tom Evans, Dudek; Jane Gray; Dudek

On the Conference Call

Marti Schultz, City of Goleta; Cameron Benson, City of Santa Barbara, Urban Creeks Division; Laura Miz, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Emergency Management; Kate Rees, COMB/CCRB; Craig Murray, Carpinteria Sanitary District.

Proceedings

The meeting began at 10:05 and was called to order by Kevin Walsh who gave a brief overview of where the Group was in the Prop 84 process. He stated that there was still time to make corrections to the Final RAP document through the interview process. Thereafter, everyone at the meeting and on the phone introduced themselves. He then asked if there were comments for items not on the agenda. Seeing none, Kathy Caldwell spoke about the coordinated efforts on the RAP document and thanked everyone for their time in reviewing and their thoughtful and helpful comments.

Kevin then gave a quick overview of how the RAP would be reviewed, indicating that there would likely be more than one person reviewing each section. He also stated that the interviews would likely be held in different locations and depending on whether or not we would want to sit in on other region's interview (i.e. SLO, Ventura) and have them join ours would determine the interview location. He mentioned that there was a possibility that the Santa Barbara Region's interview would be in June. Further, he stated that the implementation guidelines were being drafted and they would likely be released prior to July. Bruce Wales raised a question regarding the weighting of the interview v.s. the RAP document. It was explained that the RAP document is just a tool for the interview panel to use and is a precursor to the interview. Kathy Caldwell further stated that there is no set criteria, and that and in preparation for the interview, the Group would need to identify its weaknesses so that we could address them head-on.

A question was raised as to why Santa Maria was identified as a DAC even though they were not identified as a DAC in Prop 50. Teresa Reyburn explained that although the City is fiscally sound, the demographics qualify it for DAC status.

A question was then raised by Shruti Ramaker as to whether or not the County was going to pursue the expedited round of Prop 84. She stated the Casmalia would like to pursue expedited funding. Lompoc said that they would have a project for expedited funding and so too would Laguna San. It was decided that there would be some research into the expedited round.

The next topic of discussion was the role of “Stakeholders” in the process. Kevin introduced the topic by discussing how Ventura County defines Stakeholders and then posed the questions of whether or not the MOU needed to be re-written to be more inclusive of NGO’s and other interested parties instead of the “pay to play” mentality that seems to be how the process is now. To the end of being more inclusive and competitive, it was decided that if people are willing to participate, then they should be able to collaborate on the process and have a voice. The vehicle for more focused decision making according to the MOU is the Steering Committee, thus those who were able to make a time commitment and had a desire to be more involved in the process were encouraged to write a letter of intent to be on the Steering Committee.

The discussion then focused on project selection for Prop 84. Kathy Caldwell gave a presentation on “Decision Science” which included a decision-making tool designed for more transparent and objective conclusions to weighting and selecting projects. Presentation of this tool was in anticipation of its use in up-coming meetings when actual projects have been proposed. It was discussed that there would likely be a series of workshops with the cooperating partners and public for the proposal and selection of projects for Prop 84.

The meeting concluded with Kevin Walsh reiterating the need for interested members to draft a letter of intent to join the Steering Committee and a commitment to get in touch with everyone once there was a date for the interview.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06.