

Meeting Minutes
Santa Barbara Countywide
Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
Cooperating Partners Meeting
August 5, 2008
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Goleta Sanitary District

Conference call phone: 805-681-5400 and participant code 251712

Attendees

Cooperating Partners

Matt Naftaly, SB County Water Agency (County); Joe Barget, Vandenberg Village CSD; Gary McFarland, Goleta Water District; Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria; Tom Conti, City of Santa Barbara; Janet Gingras, COMB and CCRB; Charles Hamilton, Carpinteria Valley Water District; Marty Wilder, Laguna Sanitation District; Kathleen Werner, Goleta Sanitary District; Matt Van der Linden, Goleta Water District; Matt Griffin, County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District; Craig Murray, Carpinteria Sanitary District; Ruben Moreno, City of Guadalupe; Marty Wilder, Laguna County Sanitation District

Others Present

Tom Evans, Dudek; Shruti Chandra, Aspen Environmental

Proceedings

The meeting began at 9:10 am. There were no public comments for items not on the agenda. The meeting minutes from the July 8th meeting were approved as written.

Proposition 50, Step 2 Grant

Results of 7/17 meeting with SWRCB

Tom Evans, Tom Fayram and Matt Naftaly attended the meeting in Sacramento with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to discuss the grant process. The contract with the State needs to be executed by the end of the year based on avoiding additional review by DWR which will be in place after the 1st of the year, which may delay receiving grant funds. This means that the agreement needs to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors in December and ideally by the December 2nd Board meeting.

One of the outcomes of the meeting is that the Santa Maria River Levee project will be dropped off the list of projects to be funded, because the SWRCB did not agree with funding the project because it was a purely planning project. Those funds would be re-distributed to cover costs of grant administration.

Action items from this were to send out Draft Agreement and Sub Agreements. A potential MOU also need to be drafted to continue the Prop 50 process by the end of this month. Tom Evans will be sending out the drafts on Friday, August 15th.

Sub- Agreements with Project Proponents

Tom Evans will send out a schedule of expected deliverables for the Partners to review along with the sub-agreements and grant agreements.

The SWRCB will be coming next week for site visits to some of the project sites. Matt Naftaly prepared a draft agenda for the site visits. Not all projects will be toured. The ones to be visited would include projects where there is something to see. Some logistics will be worked out in the next few days and the Partners will be alerted about the site visits.

The date for reimbursement of funds can be negotiated with the State. Preliminarily July 2008 is what is proposed based on Guadalupe needing to spend money on their project.

Status of RFQ for Contract for Overall Grant Management

The SOQ's were reviewed in the meeting. Three SOQ's were received by the County from Kennedy Jenks, SAIC and CH2M Hill. Please email your preference for consultant after reviewing the SOQ's to Matt Naftaly by close of business. Friday, August 8th.

Send in all CEQA compliance documents

Until the CEQA document submittal process is clarified, please hold onto your CEQA documents.

August Site Visits with SWRCB Grant Management Team- Scott Couch and Kelly List

Discussed above.

Prop 84- What's Next?

The Partners would like Tom Fayram and Scott McGolpin to attend the next meeting to discuss the County's role in Prop 84.

Shruti Chandra will send out Central Coast Region call information to Partners.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on September 18th from 9 AM to noon. Location to be determined based on availability.