

San Diego IRWM Program RAC Meeting #87

October 7, 2020

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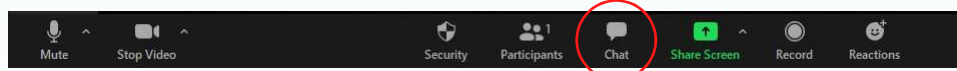
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All attendees: Please enter your full name and organization into the **chat**



For any technical difficulties, contact: Nicole Poletto, 858-875-7405

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Virtual Meeting Process

- Please remain on mute until called on – do not put meeting on hold
- Use the chat feature to ask questions or notify moderator if you want to speak



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Water Resilience Portfolio

Nancy Vogel
Director of the Governor's Water Portfolio Program
California Natural Resources Agency

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2020 San Diego IRWM Summit

- March 2, 2020
- The Water Conservation Garden



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Future of San Diego IRWM

- Potential changes to San Diego IRWM being evaluated by RWMG
- Considered:
 - 2016 IRWM Summit
 - RAC discussions
 - Roundtable of Regions discussions
 - Anticipated state priorities
 - Feasibility



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Question to Attendees

- What should SDIRWM Program look like in the next four years?
 - Feedback being used to help guide the RWMG
 - Top priorities being considered for feasibility and practicality



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Future of San Diego IRWM Topics



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How Recommendations will be Used

- RWMG will consider highest priorities for feasibility and cost
- Opportunities to implement recommendations will be explored by the RWMG
- Expect adjustments to RAC meetings and IRWM Program activities in response to priorities

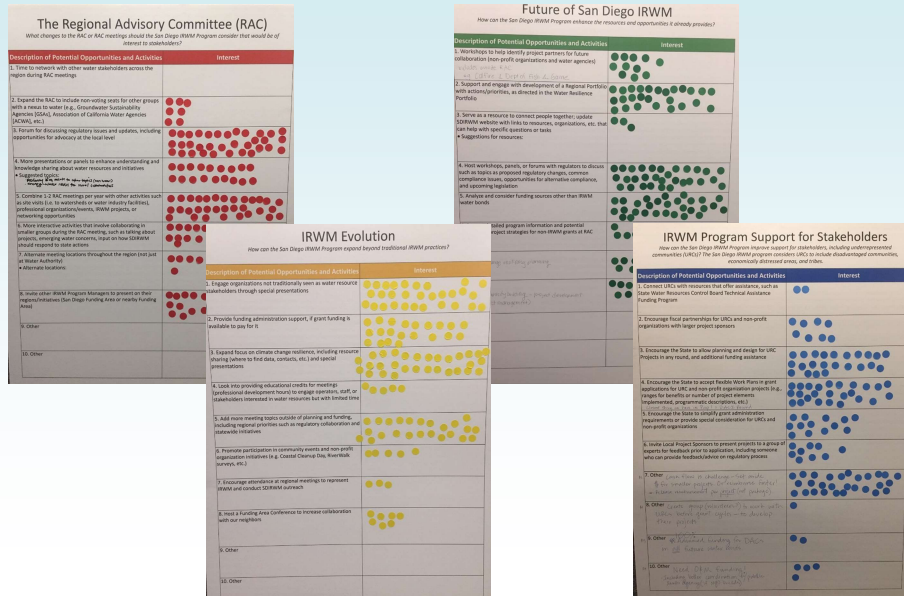
Discussion goal:
Actionable recommendations for RWMG to consider for future of SDIRWM Program

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Outcomes – See Handout for Full Results!



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Key Themes from Summit

The RAC

Future of
SDIRWM

IRWM
Evolution

IRWM Program
Support for
Stakeholders

- Expand topics and activities
- Engage with more entities and initiatives
- Go beyond planning and funding
- Increase funding-related support
- Encourage changes at State level to improve funding and administration process

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Theme: Increase Funding-Related Support

Discussion questions:

1. Which types of funding are you most interested in?
2. What type of role should SDIRWM play in trying to secure other types of funding?
3. Are there other grant programs where you can use grant administration support if funding were available?

	Board Item
Future of SDIRWM	Analyze and consider funding sources other than IRWM water bonds
IRWM Evolution	Provide funding administration support, if grant funding is available to pay for it

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Theme: Encourage Changes at State Level to Improve Funding Process

	Board Item
Stakeholder Support	Improve cash flow for URCs that are implementing IRWM projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set aside money for smaller projects Reimburse faster Release reimbursement per project (not per regional invoice package)
	Encourage the State to accept flexible Work Plans in grant applications for URC and non-profit organization projects (e.g., ranges for benefits or number of project elements implemented, programmatic descriptions, etc.)
	Encourage the State to allow planning and design for URC projects in any round, and additional funding assistance

Discussion questions:

1. Are there other changes we should advocate for to ease the grant application and administration process for URCs?
2. How can SDIRWM best encourage the State to make such changes?
3. The State has defined DACs (80% MHI) based on economic factors. Should the State consider other factors?

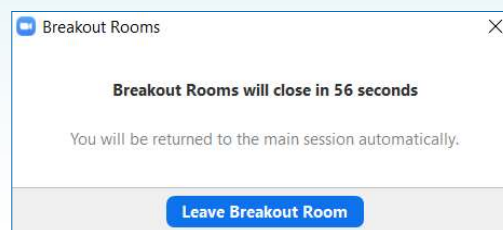
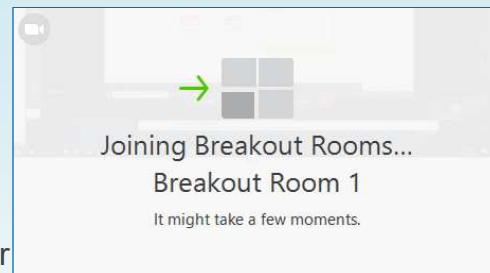
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Breakout Rooms

- You will be assigned a breakout room with a facilitator
 - Approx. 15 minutes per theme
- Please be patient – it may take a few seconds to join the room
- You will receive a 1-minute warning prior to the end of the breakout sessions
 - You will be automatically returned to main meeting room
- If you lose your connection:
 - Rejoin the main meeting!
 - Message **Nicole Poletto** with the name of your facilitator and you will be added to the correct breakout room



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SDIRWM Summit Breakout Rooms
*Provide actionable recommendations for the
RWMG*

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Diversity and Inclusion in SDIRWM

- Topic of discussion at Roundtable of Regions and SDIRWM RAC Meetings






What does diversity and inclusion - in relation to SDIRWM - mean to you?

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Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Letter to the Roundtable of Regions

1. Urge DWR to work with legislators to modify the definition of DACs to consider historic racism  DWR cannot lobby legislation
 2. Assist DWR to understand unique challenges and need for flexibility when reviewing projects for funding
 3. Forming a work group to develop guidance on how to ensure equitable outcomes within IRWM
 4. Organizing a panel at the October virtual summit on advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in IRWM  A panel will be included during the October Summit
-  These actions are being explored further

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Diversity of RAC Members

60 Organizations have Participated as Voting Members Past and Present

- Alter Terra
- Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation
- Building Industry Association
- California Coastal Conservancy
- California Landscape Contractors Association
- California Trout
- City of Chula Vista
- City of El Cajon
- City of Encinitas
- City of Imperial Beach
- City of Oceanside
- City of San Diego
- County of San Diego
- Escondido Creek Conservancy
- Farm Bureau of San Diego County
- Floodplain Management Association
- Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek
- Helix Water District
- Industrial Environment Association
- Jamul Indian Village of California
- La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians
- La Posta Band of Mission Indians
- Lakeside River Park Conservancy
- Mission Resource Conservation District
- Mundo Gardens
- Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- Otay Water District / Metro Joint Powers Authority
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Planning & Engineering for Sustainability
- Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Coastkeeper
- San Diego County Board of Education
- San Diego County Water Authority
- San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
- San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative
- San Diego River Park Foundation
- San Diego Sustainable Living Institute
- San Diego Zoo Global
- San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
- San Elijo Joint Powers Authority
- San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy
- San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
- SANDAG
- Santa Fe Irrigation District
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- SDSU Center for Regional Sustainability
- SDSU Department of Geography
- Sweetwater Authority
- The Nature Conservancy
- UCSD Clean Water Utility
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- Yuima Municipal Water District

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Diversity of Funded Projects

27 DAC and Tribal projects funded ~\$15M

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San Diego IRWM Program Funded Projects Prop 50, 84, and 1 October 2020

Legend

- Proposition 50 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 1 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 2 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 3 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 4 Projects
- Proposition 1 DACI Projects
- Proposition 1 Round 1 Projects

Round	Number of Regional Projects
Prop 50	6
Prop 84 Round 1	5
Prop 84 Round 2	2
Prop 84 Round 3	2
Prop 84 Round 4	4
Prop 1 DACI	0
Prop 1 Round 1	1

CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Results

1-5% (lowest scores)	56-60%
11-15%	6-10%
16-20%	61-65%
21-25%	66-70%
26-30%	71-75%
31-35%	76-80%
36-40%	81-85%
41-45%	86-90%
46-50%	91-95%
51-55%	96-100% (highest scores)

■ Supervisor Districts
 ■ Municipal Boundaries
 ■ San Diego IRWM Region



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Diversity and Inclusion in SDIRWM



What does diversity and inclusion - in relation to SDIRWM - mean to you?

How can our Region promote equitable outcomes?

RWGM Recommendations

- Urge DWR and ROR to establish a workgroup to define equitable outcomes and how to assess the impact of historic racism on water management policies
- Consider racial equity when reviewing projects for SDIRWM funding

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Addition of SGMA Representative (Non-Voting)

- Summit feedback indicated interest in involving additional entities
- In discussion with the San Luis Rey Groundwater Sustainability Agency to add a SGMA representative as a non-voting seat
- This seat will replace the non-voting State Coastal Conservancy seat that has remained open

Non-Voting Members (8)

State, federal, and regional agencies who are interested parties

1. Regional Water Quality Control Board – Laurie Walsh (NTL), A: Tony Felix
2. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Jack Simes (NTL), A: Leslie Cleveland
3. Military Community – John Simpson/USMC Camp Pendleton (NTL), A: Jessica Spurlock
4. Tri-County FACC (Upper Santa Margarita RWMG) – Justin Haessly/Rancho California Water District (NTL)
5. Tri-County FACC (South Orange RWMG) – Grant Sharp/County of Orange (NTL), A: Jenna Voss
6. State Coastal Conservancy - open
7. U.S. Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest – Gloria Silva (NTL), A: Emily Fudge
8. U.S. Indian Health Services – Sean Bush (NTL)

NTL = No Term Limit

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Addition of a 32nd Voting Seat

- Effective 2021, the RWMG will consider the addition of a 32nd voting seat on the RAC



1. **Who is missing from the table?**
2. **What should the RAC look for?**
3. **Are there any individuals or organizations you would recommend?**

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RAC Membership – 2017-2020 Term Turnover

- Purpose: Facilitate broader stakeholder participation and ensure that all stakeholders have an equal opportunity to serve on the RAC
- Method: Rotate ~half of RAC members every second year

Previous and current RAC members are welcome to apply for a new term



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Existing RAC Member Structure

Goal = Diversity in representation throughout the Region

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Water Management Group (3) ▪ Water Supply (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail (North County – Inland) • Retail (North County – Coastal) • Retail (East County) • Retail (South County) • Retail (At Large) ▪ Water Quality (6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater (North County) • Stormwater (South/East County) • Water Quality (NGO) • Water Quality (NGO) • Wastewater/RW (Metro JPA) • Wastewater/RW (Non-Metro JPA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tribal (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern IRWM Region • Central IRWM Region • Southern IRWM Region ▪ DAC/Environmental Justice (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban DAC • Rural DAC ▪ Natural Resources & Watersheds (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Conservation (NGO) • Protection and Restoration (NGO) • Protection and Restoration (NGO) • Recreation • Coastal Ecosystems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other (7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Management • Business Community • Agriculture • Land Use Planning • At Large • At Large • Climate |
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Existing RAC Member Structure

13 Open Seats (shown in red – see handout for details)

- Regional Water Management Group (3)
- Water Supply (5)
 - Retail (North County – Inland)
 - Retail (North County – Coastal)
 - Retail (East County)
 - Retail (South County)
 - Retail (At Large)
- Water Quality (6)
 - Stormwater (North County)
 - Stormwater (South/East County)
 - Water Quality (NGO)
 - Water Quality (NGO)
 - Wastewater/RW (Metro JPA)
 - Wastewater/RW (Non-Metro JPA)
- Tribal (3)
 - Northern IRWM Region
 - Central IRWM Region
 - Southern IRWM Region
- DAC/Environmental Justice (2)
 - Urban DAC
 - Rural DAC
- Natural Resources & Watersheds (5)
 - Water Conservation (NGO)
 - Protection and Restoration (NGO)
 - Protection and Restoration (NGO)
 - Recreation
 - Coastal Ecosystems
- Other (7)
 - Flood Management
 - Business Community
 - Agriculture
 - Land Use Planning
 - At Large
 - At Large
 - Climate

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RAC Member Selection Workgroup

- Solicitations sent via email in September
- All caucus members have a say in who to nominate from their caucus

Water Supply	• Rania Amen, Santa Fe Irrigation District
Water Quality	• Patrick McDonough, San Diego Coastkeeper
Natural Resources & Watersheds	• Phil Pryde, San Diego River Park Foundation
Tribal	• Eric La Chappa, La Posta Band of Mission Indians
DAC / Environmental Justice	• Jennifer Hazard, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
Other	• Mark Seits, Floodplain Management Association



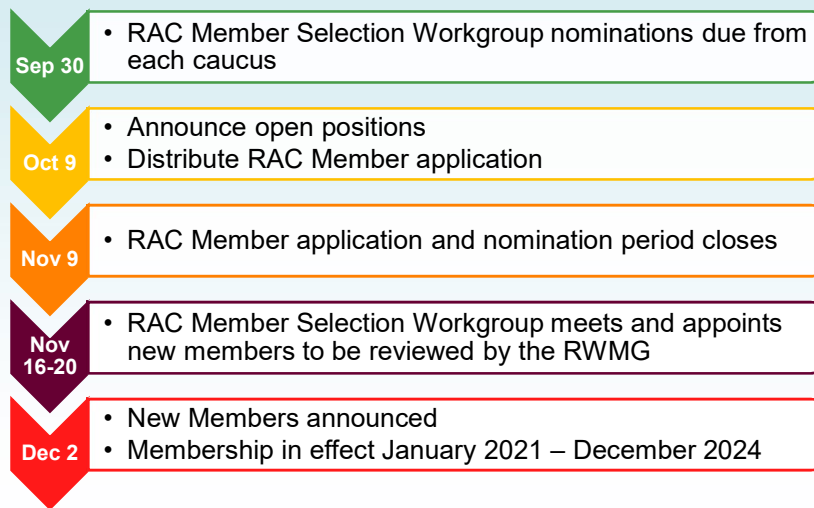
Confirm
RAC
consensus

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RAC Member Selection Schedule



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RAC Desired Attributes

- Has knowledge and experience in water resources management.
- Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia.
- Has the ability and desire to objectively articulate the perspective of his/her RAC seat and caucus at a level beyond that within his/her individual organization.
- Can provide recommendations with the best interests of the entire San Diego IRWM region in mind.



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RAC General Duties

1. Attend meetings consistently (only two absences/year)
2. Come prepared to meetings
3. Be responsive to requests between meetings
4. Act as a point of contact and disseminate information related to the IRWM Program as appropriate
5. Designate an alternate to attend and participate in RAC meetings as needed
6. Recuse from discussion or voting if personal interest or stake in the outcome

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RAC Conflict of Interest Policy

- The following activities are incompatible with membership on the RAC or Workgroup(s) and so are prohibited:
 - Any activity for private gain.
 - Additional employment that would impair the RAC or Workgroup member's independence of judgment. May not advocate for their entity's project during the project selection process.
 - RAC or Workgroup member must disclose his/her personal interest and fully recuses himself/herself from participating in the project selection process for applicable projects.

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RAC Member Application

- Pass/fail eligibility criteria:
 - Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia
- Application form – **see handout!**



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San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Membership Application

Please return this form to Mark Stadler (mstadler@sdicwa.org) by **November 9, 2020**. A workgroup representing the RAC caucuses will review the applicants and recommend who should fill the 13 vacancies. The final decision concerning the new members will be made by the Regional Water Management Group and the RAC.

Name: _____
Organization: _____ Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

Please indicate which vacant RAC seat(s) you are applying for (note that all names highlighted in red in the RAC Member Composition Section are vacant):

Please indicate if you meet the eligibility criteria:

Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia.

Describe your knowledge and experience related to water management, including participation in the IRWM Program or other water resource policy, planning, outreach, or implementation efforts:

Describe how your experience and knowledge allows you to:

1. Have the ability and desire to objectively articulate the perspective of your RAC seat and caucus at a level beyond that within your individual organization.
2. Provide recommendations with the best interests of the entire San Diego IRWM region in mind.

Describe how your position within your organization allows you to:

1. Act as a point of contact within your individual organization for collection and dissemination of information related to the IRWM Program.
2. Disseminate information about the IRWM Program to your contacts, as appropriate.



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RAC Applications

- Reminder: RAC applications are due **November 9, 2020**
- Applications will be circulated via SDIRWM list serve and available for download: <http://sdirwmp.org/regional-advisory-committee>
- For questions about the process or to submit a completed application, contact:

Mark Stadler
IRWM Program Manager
mstadler@sdicwa.org
858-522-6735

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Grant Administration

Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority

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Current Funding Opportunities

Project Types	Deadline	Website
Prop 1 Technical Assistance Funding Program	Open: rolling	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/tech_asst_funding.html
USEPA – Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)	October 15	https://www.epa.gov/wifia
Proposition 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program	Anticipated December 2020	https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater
2021 Nonpoint Source Grant Program	December 18	https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/nps/319grants.html

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2020 Meeting Schedule

- Next RAC Meeting: December 2, 2020
 - 2021 Meeting Schedule:
 - February 3, 2021
 - April 7, 2021
 - June 2, 2021
 - August 4, 2021
 - October 6, 2021
 - December 1, 2021
- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -

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