



**Joint Scoring Workshop &
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting #61**

April 6, 2016
9:00 am – 11:30 am
San Diego County Water Authority Board Room
4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

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Attendance

RAC Members

Ramin Abidi, City of San Diego (chair)
Ann Van Leer, Escondido Creek Conservancy
Ari Neumann for Olga Morales, RCAC
Arne Sandvik for Albert Lau, Padre Dam
Bill Hunter, Santa Fe Irrigation District
Casey Anderson for Eric Larson, San Diego County Farm Bureau
Chris Helmer, City of Imperial Beach (and Alternate Joe Kuhn)
Chris Trees for Mike Thornton, SEJPA
Crystal Najera, City of Encinitas
Emily Fudge for Gloria Silva, Cleveland National Forest
Jennifer Hazard, Alter Terra
Joey Randall for Kimberly Thorner, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
John Flores, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
Julia Escamilla for Greg Thomas, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
Kelly Craig for Robyn Badger, Zoological Society of San Diego
Kimberly O'Connell, University of California – San Diego Clean Water
Leigh Johnson, University of California Cooperative Extension
Mark Seits, Floodplain Management Association
Mark Stadler for Toby Roy, San Diego County Water Authority
Michael McSweeney, Building Industry Association
Patrick Crais, California Landscape Contractors Association
Phil Pryde, San Diego River Park Foundation
Travis Pritchard, San Diego Coastkeeper

RWMG Staff and Consultants

Crystal Benham, RMC Water and Environment
Andrew Funk for Goldy Herbon, City of San Diego
Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority
Mark Stephens, City of San Diego

Rosalyn Prickett, RMC Water and Environment
Sally Johnson, RMC Water and Environment
Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego
Vicki Kalkirtz, City of San Diego

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Ramin Abidi, City of San Diego, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the room. Mr. Abidi thanked everyone for attending and participating in the San Diego IRWM Summit.

Project Completion Report

Mr. Rob Hutsel, San Diego River Park Foundation, presented on the Proposition 50, Project 8 – El Capitan Watershed Acquisition & Restoration Program. This project acquired and restored approximately 120 acres of targeted vacant undeveloped lands upstream and in the immediate vicinity of the El Capitan Reservoir. The project protected source water quality at the reservoir by reducing the potential for non-point source pollution, removing trash and debris from the properties, planting 800 trees, maintaining a biologically significant wildlife corridor, and preserving habitat.

IRWM Grant Program

Mr. Mark Stadler, San Diego County Water Authority, presented on the recently released documents for the upcoming round of funding. DWR released the following draft documents in March: IRWM Program Guidelines, Planning Grant Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP), and Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Involvement Request for Proposals (RFP).

Draft Proposition 1 Guidelines

There is approximately \$38 million grant dollars available for the San Diego IRWM Region under Proposition 1. The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) is submitting a comment letter on the Draft Guidelines to DWR on behalf of the San Diego IRWM Region on Friday, April 8th. Comments on the IRWM program guidelines include: support new and innovative technologies, implement further grant application streamlining, defer to local project selection, 10% DAC set aside should be statewide, provide DWR liaison in financial assistant branch, and advanced payment for DACs and non-governmental organizations. Comments on the Planning Grant PSP that will be included in the letter are to support funding for “update or improve IRWM plan” and tiebreaker points for contributing to program preferences. Finally, comments on the DAC Involvement RFP include: San Diego IRWM Plan contains DAC Needs Assessment, DAC projects are evaluated per Needs Assessment, grant administration by region, and DACs should be eligible for advanced payment.

IRWM Planning Grant Solicitation

For the planning grant solicitation, there is \$5,000,000 available statewide. There is a \$1,000,000 grant cap on preparing an IRWM plan and a \$250,000 dollar grant cap on updating or improving an existing IRWM Plan. The San Diego IRWM region is considering applying for a planning grant to prepare a Stormwater Capture Feasibility Study. This study would analyze the feasibility of planning, constructing, operating, and managing facilities that capture stormwater for beneficial use. The IRWM plan update will incorporate this analysis. This grant request would be for \$250,000.

DAC Planning Grant Funding Announcement

There is \$5,250,000 available to the San Diego Funding Area for the DAC Involvement Program. This program's focus is to fund project development activities that will lead to competitive, fundable projects that will leverage implementation funding for disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas (EDA), or underrepresented communities (URC). Of the available dollars for the San Diego Funding Area, the San Diego IRWM Region's share would be \$4.1 million dollars based on a Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee (Tri-County FACC) split. The Tri-County FACC partners have asked for allocation based on need, not a tradition split. The RWMG will coordinate with the Tri-County FACC to prepare a joint proposal.

Mr. Stadler then discussed the general schedule for the DAC Involvement Grant call for projects and reviewed the proposed scoring criteria. Following the discussion, a vote was held on approving the proposed scoring criteria. The results of the vote are below.

Vote: 22 yes.

Once the submitted projects are tiered, the DAC Project Selection Workgroup (PSW) will choose the final project list for the DWR application. The PSW will meet 2-3 times in June and review the project concept forms that are submitted, prioritizing projects for Tri-County FACC discussion. The recommended reduced work group is proposed to comprise of the three RWMG representatives and two RAC representatives with knowledge of DACs, EDAs, and underrepresented communities.

During the RAC discussion, RAC members volunteered to serve on the PSW. The proposed Workgroup was voted on by the RAC:

- Mark Stadler, San Diego County Water Authority
- Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego
- Cathy Pieroni, City of San Diego
- Olga Morales, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Travis Prichard, San Diego Coastkeeper
- Rob Roy, La Jolla Band

Vote: 22 Yes

Storm Water Resources Plan Update

Ms. Stephanie Gaines, County of San Diego, provided an update on the Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP). The SWRP meets the provisions of Water Code 10565 as amended under Senate Bill 985 which recognizes storm water as a resource and emphasizes multi-benefit projects. SWRPs are relevant to the RAC because any storm water and dry weather runoff capture project must be incorporated into a SWRP to receive Proposition 1 funding. On behalf of MS4 Copermittees, the County of San Diego applied for a planning grant to prepare a Regional SWRP that covers watershed from San Luis Rey to Tijuana. Public review of the document is anticipated in November of 2016 with adoption by January 2017 to maintain eligibility for the Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program implementation cycle.

IRWM Grant Administration

Ms. Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority, presented a financial summary and progress report of all current and active projects that received Proposition 50 and Proposition 84 grants. Of the projects that received Proposition 50 funding, 15 are at least 80% complete. There are only two more months left in the implementation period and significant milestones recently passed. These include DWR project visits on March 1 and 2, agreement amendment requests, and the completion of construction of the City of San Marcos Project. Tasks still remaining include the preparation of the final project reimbursement request, the submittal of completion reports, and grant program completion report development. Ms. Burton also provided an overview of four recently completed projects under Proposition 50.

For Proposition 84, Round 1, projects are continuing as planned with a total of \$4.7 million dollars billed to date. Proposition 84, Round 2 has billed \$4 million dollars to date while Proposition 84, Round 3 has billed \$1.2 million dollars to date.

Public Comments

None.

Summary and Next Steps

Upcoming meetings are as follows.

DAC Project Concept Workshop:

- April 19, 2016

Next RAC Meeting:

- June 1, 2016 – 9-11:30am

2016 Meeting Schedule:

- June 1, 2016
- August 3, 2016
- October 5, 2016
- December 7, 2016