# Watershed Planning and Outreach Workgroup Meeting #4
## July 28, 2009
## 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## San Diego County Water Authority
## General Manager's Conference Room

## Meeting Notes

## Attendance

### Present
Bill Simmons, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy (chair)
Rob Hutsel, San Diego River Park Foundation
Cathy Pieroni, City of San Diego
Crystal Najera, City of Encinitas
Greg Krzys, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Sheri McPherson, County of San Diego Department of Public Works
Mark Stadler, San Diego County Water Authority
Linda Flournoy, Planning & Engineering for Sustainability
Carl Nettleton, Tijuana River Valley Recovery Team
Kimberly O'Connell, UC San Diego Environmental Affairs
Rosalyn Stewart, RMC Water and Environment

### Absent
Sue Varty, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Karen Franz, San Diego CoastKeeper
Todd Snyder, County of San Diego
Rick Alexander, Sweetwater Authority
Mike Kelly, Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

## Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Bill Simmons welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the room.

## Watershed Policy Proposal

Mr. Rob Hutsel presented the third draft *Watershed Policy Proposed for Inclusion in the Update of the San Diego IRWMP* to the group. Workgroup comments included:

- Proposed revision to last sentence in paragraph 4(2): "This entity may be a coalition of multiple groups or a committee of representatives of groups, ~~however~~ so long as all areas of the watershed ~~must be~~ are represented." Rob to further refine, with support from Linda and Mark.

- Proposed revision to last sentence in paragraph 4(4): "Where they exist, identified watershed coordination groups will be given an opportunity to review IRWM proposals relating to their particular watershed and to provide recommendations for project prioritization ~~that honor~~ based upon grant parameters established by the funding entity and ~~align with~~ San Diego's IRWM Plan objectives."
- Small consistency edits in paragraphs 3 and 4.

MOTION PASSED:  Workgroup approved the *Watershed Policy Proposal* with discussed revisions for recommendation to the RAC.

## Structure of the Project Database

Ms. Rosalyn Stewart presented a draft structure for the online project database under development for the Prop 84 grant cycle(s). The draft structure reflects comments made at the last Workgroup and RAC meetings. Workgroup comments included:

- Add new field with pull-down menu for Functional Area (x4).
- Under Project Contact, include a check-box allowing info to be shared.
- Add new field for 2-3 sentence Executive Summary.
- Rosalyn to check Prop 50 Contract Work Plans to better estimate # characters allowed under Project Description.
- Move IRWM Plan Objectives up higher in form.
- Release Metrics only if IRWM Plan Objective is checked. Though show unreleased Metrics in grey (not hidden) to spur user to consider other benefits of their project. Or perhaps hyperlink to the full Metrics table to save space on form?
- Under Project Partners, call out partnerships with Tri-County or Mexican organizations within shared watersheds.
- Expand fields under Planning for Climate Change to include specific elements relevant to water resources management. Add links to information that will help user complete it.
- Add new field for Durability/Longevity (i.e., sustainability of the project over time).
- Update the Water Management Strategies field per 2009 State Water Plan Update.
- Note in explanation of Project Contact that only formal organizations (per Prop 84) can be eligible for funding.
- Add new field clarifying if project is Drought-Related.
- Include definition and map of Disadvantaged Communities.
- Include definition of Environmental Justice Community. Ask for project proponent explanation of benefits to these folks.
- Define direct vs. indirect benefits to Disadvantaged Communities.
- Make Estimated Project Cost (Min/Max) a required field.
- Create a project cheat sheet showing only the required fields for quick review by the public.
- Make Readiness to Proceed a required field.
- Can phased projects be linked somehow?
- Explain up front that Prop 84 does not include funding for planning and watershed coordination activities. However, future grant programs may allow.

- Add new field that identifies AB1420 Compliance for urban water suppliers.

## Prop 84 Project Guide

Ms. Rosalyn Stewart presented a draft Project Guide for distribution to watershed groups, disadvantaged community leaders, and other stakeholders. Workgroup comments included:

- Include reference to Tri-County FACC in Introduction.

- Move explanation of $91 million for San Diego Funding Area to Introduction.

- Include a hyperlink to full propositions in Propositions 84/1E.

- Move clips from Propositions 84/1E and Executive Order to text box or appendix. Shorten numbered clips in Executive Order and add hyperlink to full text.

- Call out San Diego's proposed definition of Drought-Related Project. Add "and CUWCC BMPs" to first bullet. Add "and brackish groundwater" to third bullet. Add "permitted" to fourth bullet. Add fifth bullet on Groundwater Development. Add sixth bullet on Stormwater/Rainwater Capture and Reuse.

- Rosalyn to review USBR Drought Program definitions and transmit to group.

- Strike Table 1 and refer to IRWM Plan page. Include a single example of an integrated project.

- Strike Table 2 and refer to IRWM Plan page.

- Strike Table 3 and refer to Prop 50 Contract project list on website.

- Rosalyn to double-check that 501(c)(4) organizations are eligible for Prop 84. Determine whether mutual water companies are eligible.

- Explain that 10% of total project costs must be spent before grant reimbursement.

- Include contact information for help with Groundwater Management Plan requirements.

- Explain that grant is a cash reimbursement on a quarterly schedule (not payment in advance).

## Action Items and Next Steps

Ms. Rosalyn Stewart noted that Workgroup deliverables are nearing completion and Workgroup should only need 1-2 additional meetings.

Mr. Bill Simmons reviewed action items for the next meeting:

- Workgroup will table brainstorming on DACs Outreach until next meeting.

- Rob to finalize the *Watershed Policy Proposed for Inclusion in the Update of the San Diego IRWMP* with support from Linda and Mark.

- Rob to deliver on a short presentation on *Watershed Policy Proposal* at August 19th RAC meeting. Rosalyn/Rob to coordinate on presentation slides.

- Rosalyn to revise draft structure for the online project database for presentation at the August 19th RAC meeting.

- Rosalyn to revise Project Guide for second review at next Workgroup meeting.