

Minutes

Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Sub-Region Steering Committee Meeting

July 17, 2008 – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
1720 Cameron Avenue, Suite 100, West Covina, CA

1. Introductions

Attendees:

Michael Antos	Wendy La
Nathan Baird	Ed Means (via conference call)
Shirley Birosik	Ousama Nimri
Robert Gomez	Bertha Ruiz-Hoffmann
Vres Haroutomlan	Randy Schoellerman
Jeff Helsley	Jim Smith
Andree Hunt	Mike Sovich
Darin Kasamoto	Nancy Steele
Grace Kast	Tony Zampielo
Frank Kuo	Mary Zauner

2. Approve June 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The following revision was made to the minutes:

- On the 3rd bullet of item 6, “that can be addressed by IRWMP funding” was added.

Grace Kast moved to approve the minutes, and Mary Zauner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Update from the Leadership Committee

Carol Williams provided an update from the May Leadership Committee meeting:

- A meeting was held between the SC chairs and representatives from the Upper Santa Clara and Ventura IRWMP Regions to discuss Prop 84 allocation. A second meeting has been rescheduled to the first week of August. The goal of these meetings is to reach a consensus on the Prop 84 funding split.
- The LC discussed the idea from the June USGR meeting to hold a DAC workgroup meeting in order to coordinate DAC outreach. It was agreed that this meeting will be held and that Tim Worley and Nancy Steele will arrange it.
- An update on AB 2175 and the call for 20% M&I conservation was given.

ProjectId	ProjectTitle	Agency	PartneringAgency	ProjectDescription
172	Watershed U. - Rio Hondo	UC Cooperative Extension		This educational project would develop a Watershed U. training program for Rio Hondo. Watershed U. is designed to increase communication among watershed stakeholders, and to engage local decision makers in the process.
636	Alhambra Wash Naturalization Implementation	Amigos de los Rios/Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	County of Los Angeles Department Of Parks & Recreation	Preparation of construction drawings and construction implementation for naturalization of Alhambra Wash. The construction phase will naturalize the box channel of Alhambra Wash between Walnut Grove Ave. and the Alhambra Oasis at the Alhambra Wash-Rio Hondo confluence. Construction will implement improved habitat and recreation along this segment of the wash, restoring pieces of aquatic and terrestrial habitat and enhancing public access through trail development. The project will provide a model for naturalizing some Southern California waterways.
653	Barranca Park Renovation Project	City of Covina, RMC		Project will redesign irrigation system and parking lot.
665	California Domestic Water Company Well No 14	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility
674	City of Alhambra Phase II VOC Treatment Plant	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
678	City of Monterey Park Well 5 & Well 6 VOC Expansion & Perchlorate Treatment	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility
684	Conjunctive Use for the Puente Basin	Walnut Valley W.D., Rowland W.D., TVMWD, Metropolitan		Export water from Main San Gabriel Basin to TVMWD's agencies. Export of groundwater from Main San Gabriel Basin will only be viable when there is a surplus amount of treated water available.
700	East Side Performing Settling Defendants and City of El Monte East Side Dee	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
701	East Side Performing Settling Defendants East Side Shallow Remedy	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.

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703	Eaton Wash Nature Park	Amigo de Los Rios, RMC		Acquisition of land along Valley Boulevard for use as a nature park featuring oak woodlands, riparian habitat, educational displays, and meandering pathways.
706	El Monte Multi-Use Trail Master Plan	City of El Monte, RMC		Planning to strategically map highly utilized multi-use pathways and corridors connecting existing city services to the rivers and tributaries that border the City and surrounding areas.
707	El Monte Storm Drain Daylighting/Green Infrastructure	Amigos de los Rios/City of El Monte	City of El Monte, Valley Mall Businesses, Emerald Necklace Business Alliance,	The project includes daylighting the two storm drains, as well as strategic retrofitting of adjacent parking lots and street edges to increase the permeability of surface pavement and local water storage capacity. Permeable concrete paving and native plant vegetation on street edges, parking lots, and parking islands decrease the amount of surface runoff to storm water systems, and clean water as it runs through permeable areas, also reducing heat island effects on surrounding microclimates. The parking lot and street edge conversions, in conjunction with bioswale/stream naturalization projects, provide incremental water quality improvement benefits along the project areas, reducing downstream impacts. The projects address TMDL legislation mandates, increase permeability and ground water infiltration, reduce storm water load to the channel, address long term flood management issues, and provide recycled water for irrigation, beautification, and recreation.
708	Emerald Necklace Segment A:Alhambra Wash to Eaton Wash	San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy, Amigos de L		Landscaping, restoring & beautifying areas along Rio Hondo

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709	Emerald Necklace Segment B:Eaton Wash to S. Edge of Peck Pk	San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy, Amigos de L		Landscaping, restoring & beautifying areas along Rio Hondo
730	Ganesha GW Treatment Plant System	City of Pomona, TVMWD		3 to 4 new GW wells w/ treatment plant for nitrate & VOC removal
731	Gibson Park Habitat Plantings	City of El Monte and Amigos de los Rios, RMC		Part of the Emerald Necklace, Gibson Park grant from the RMC will fund native landscaping, an outdoor interpretive kiosk and an outdoor classroom where visitors and school children can learn about the natural history and resources of this watershed area.
737	Golden State Water Company Wells SG1 and SG2 Perchlorate Treatment Facility	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
738	Golden State Water Company Wells SG1 and SG2 VOC Treatment Facility	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
750	Hermetic Seal Site Extraction	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
793	Metrolink Station Trail	City of El Monte, RMC		The Metrolink station is located approximately one-third of a mile from the Rio Hondo Bike Trail. Providing a connecting trail between the River and the MTA station would allow regional bike trail and public transportation users to gain access to the Metrolink trains by bicycle and to the river via public transportation.
821	Northrop Grumman Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone Remedy	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
822	Northrop Grumman S11 & S12 Shallow Zone Extraction	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
862	Rio Vista Native Plant Garden Entrance Swale	City of El Monte, RMC		Rehabilitation of unused land between Rio Vista School and several houses transforming it into an additional entrance from Bisby Street through a narrow swale. The land will be developed into a native plant garden featuring drought tolerant plants, benches), and signage.
882	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority 1,4Dioxane Hot Spot Removal Treat	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
897	San Gabriel Valley Water Company Plant 8 1,4-Dioxane and Perchlorate Treatm	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility

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898	San Gabriel Valley Water Company Plant 8 VOC Treatment	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility
901	San Gabriel Valley Water Company Plant B7	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
902	San Gabriel Valley Water Company Plant G4	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
911	San Jose Creek TMDL Project Concept	Los Angeles County Flood Control District		Develop a project concept exploring multipurpose alternatives to address upcoming TMDL requirements in San Jose Creek. SCE has right-of-way along the south side of San Jose Creek. Their property may be used to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to treat storm water before it enters San Jose Creek.
951	Trail Connection - Alhambra Wash - Rosemead Community Center	Amigo de Los Rios, RMC		Trail development will include a survey and outline of the trail alignment, followed by removal of non-native vegetation, installation of drip irrigation, planting natives, interpretive signage, and an inviting entrance at the Community Center.
959	United Technologies Corporation Puente Valley Operable Unit Shallow Zone Re	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
996	West Side Performing Settling Defendants West Side Shallow Remedy	San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority		The project is a groundwater treatment facility.
1208	Rubber Dam Below Santa Fe Dam (San Gabriel River Storm Water Storage Proj2	USGVMWD		Installation of a rubber dam above the 10 Freeway to pond water for groundwater recharge. Water levels above the 10 Freeway in the San Gabriel River are low and increasing the water levels will enhance percolation. Within the Main San Gabriel Basin in the City of Irwindale.
1226	Treatment Plant Projects for Perchlorate & VOCs Location 4	City of Monterey Park		Construction/installation of treatment facilities to treat perchlorate & VOCs to improve water quality at the City of Monterey Wells and increase City's water supply.

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10858	Alhambra Wash Naturalization Design Development & Construction Plans	Amigos de los Rios/Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	County of Los Angeles Department Of Parks & Recreation	<p>The planning phase will produce design development and construction drawings and permitting to naturalize the box channel of Alhambra Wash between Walnut Grove Ave. and the Alhambra Oasis at the Alhambra Wash-Rio Hondo confluence. Plans will implement improved habitat and recreation along this segment of the wash, restoring pieces of aquatic and terrestrial habitat and enhancing public access through trail development. The project will provide a model for naturalizing some Southern California waterways.</p>

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10965	Emerald Necklace-Segment E: Ramona Blvd to Whittier Narrows	Amigos de los RÃ-os/Emerald Necklace Coalition	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Los Angeles County Rec & Parks City of El Monte	<p>This Emerald Necklace multi benefit project includes landscaping, restoring and beautifying & adding a water quality to a critical 4 mile segment of land adjacent to the San Gabriel River and reaching from Ramona Blvd. to Whittier Narrows. This segment of greening area is 20 acres in total and will include a community habitat park; multi benefit trails including a stabilized decomposed granite path, lighting, access gateways, way finding & interpretive signage, native vegetation & other recreation & exercise amenities. The project will function as part of the part of the Emerald Necklace regional park network to address local and regional water quality, water conservation, open space needs, habitat restoration, and public education. Treatments are based on creating an integrated network of environmentally sensitive and beneficial best management practices throughout the Emerald Necklace System</p>

- The LC decided to move ahead with Phase 1 of the consultant proposal for database assistance, not to exceed \$20,000. The purpose of this task is to facilitate a user-friendly process for the database.
- The County has signed the agreement with the State for Prop 50 funds. The agreement has been sent back to the State and should be executed soon.
- The LC is still looking to hold a meeting with the Gateway JPA. Art Aguilar is to coordinate this meeting.
- A media event was scheduled to be held before the July LC meeting to announce the award of \$25 million from Prop 50. The media event will be held July 23rd at 10:30 am at the Bixby Marshland in Carson. The LC meeting will follow at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant.
- Hector Bordas gave a presentation on the Water Quality Funding Initiative. A feasibility study is currently underway to assess property owner support.

4. Draft Action Plan

The Draft Action Plan was distributed. Ed Means provided an overview of the plan. General discussion included:

- The SC will need to decide whether the goal of the prioritization work will be a prioritized list of a top 30 list.
- Stakeholders are currently being asked to update projects, but the database improvements have not yet been done. It would be helpful to have the database narratives before updating projects.
- Additional revisions to the projects and the prioritization process will be needed based on Prop 84 guidelines.
- Information is currently missing from the database because proponents do not have all of the requested information for conceptual projects, not because they do not understand the fields.
- For Objective 1, we will proceed with the current schedule and will adjust as needed going forward.
- For Objective 2, the IRWMP is going to be updated based on the best guess scenario for Prop 84 requirements. The document will then be fine-tuned as needed once the Prop 84 guidelines are released. The goal of the update is to qualify for Prop 84 implementation funds.
- For Objective 3, the technical memorandum will address planning needs for each sub-region as well as regional needs. Since the comments that were provided on planning needs were not specific to the sub-region, the SC would like to have a discussion on sub-regional planning needs at the August meeting.

- For Objective 5, five out of 16 LC members have approved the MOU thus far. Once the MOU has been approved by eight LC members, the remaining members have 60 days to have it approved.

Discussion on Objective 4 included:

- The DAC workgroup has been tentatively scheduled for July 29th in the morning. The purpose of the workgroup is to revise the consultant strategy for DAC outreach.
- The DAC workgroup should also address the issue of who the DACs are in USGR&RH and how to contact them.
- The DAC workgroup should also address what the IRWMP can provide for DACs. Only a small amount of funding is available for DAC projects, the Region needs to clarify what this funding can be used for to help the Region achieve its goals. The Region needs to address these issues prior to doing outreach.
- In the near term, the project list could be taken to the DAC representatives to see which projects resonate with them. There could then be a longer term process to inform DACs about what opportunities are available.

A discussion on sub-regional planning needs will be included on the August USGR&RH agenda.

5. DAC Project/Map Review

The revised project map and list of project that appear to be located within DACs was distributed. Discussion included:

- Prop 84 implementation grants will only be for construction of capital projects, not for research or studies.
- For Prop 84, there will be a pot of money for the funding area and a separate pot for DAC projects. There should be a prioritized list for DAC projects. There is currently no clear definition of what the DAC pot will fund.
- It is still not clear whether agencies doing projects in DACs are eligible for DAC funds or whether they need to be partnered with DACs for these projects to qualify.
- Additional analysis of the map is needed because there are questions about the accuracy. This would be a large effort as census tract data has been used for the mapping.
- The list of projects that are within DACs is just a guide. Further analysis will need to be done to determine whether the projects within DACs benefit DACs.
- The SC will need to ask project proponents to look at the map to identify projects that benefit DACs and to describe how. The consultant can e-mail the project map and list to stakeholders and ask them to ID projects

with DAC benefits, describe the benefits, and identify DAC groups involved in or supportive of the project. The consultant will put together a draft e-mail and will send to the SC for input.

6. DAC Outreach Plan

The draft DAC Outreach Plan was distributed last month and will be discussed at the August meeting after the DAC workgroup meeting has taken place.

7. Draft Action Plan

The press event was discussed under agenda item #3. The sub-regional workshop and DAC workshops are still available when the SC wants to schedule them.

8. July 23, 2008 Leadership Committee - Discuss draft agenda items and provide direction to Chair

- The SC would like agenda item 9 to be deferred until after the July 29th DAC workgroup. Carol Williams will e-mail Hector Bordas with this suggestion.

9. Future meeting schedule

- a. Leadership Committee, July 23, 2008, 11:15 am to 1:30 pm, Joint Water Pollution Control Plant
- b. Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Steering Committee, August 21, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm