

Draft Minutes

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

April 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:

Shirley Birosik	Jeff Helsley
Jeff Helsley	Nancy Steele
Vres Haroutomlan	Carol Williams
Andree Hunt	Tim Worley
Frank Kuo	Grace Burgess
Wendy La	Ed Means

2. Approve Meeting Minutes

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

3. Update from the Leadership Committee meeting

- Ed Means provided an update on the status of the MOU and Operating Guidelines. The deadline for submitting additional comments on the documents was April 9th. The revised documents will be brought to the Leadership Committee for action at the April Leadership Committee meeting.
- The Leadership Committee requested a meeting with the Gateway JPA. The meeting has been set for April 22nd at 2:30 pm at the Sanitation District.
- The Leadership Committee took action to direct the consultant to move ahead with the Plan update.

4. Prop 84 Status Update

- The draft guidelines for planning and implementation grants are expected this summer.
- DWR will be holding a workshop on May 15th at 10:30 am at SAWPA to discuss Prop 84 and 1E.
- The CIP strategy task has been deferred until there's more clarity on guidelines and AB 1654.

- The Senate Budget Subcommittee rejected the water policy items in the Governor's budget because they feel these items will be handled in policy bills.

5. Project Integration

The Steering Committee discussed possible project integration activities.

Comments included:

- A notice should be sent to all stakeholders asking them to update their projects in the database.
- Some projects were initially removed from the database because they were on Vulcan land. Can we get Vulcan involved in the process to bring back some of these projects or include some of Vulcan's own projects?
- A sub-regional workshop could be used to look at project integration.

The consultant will send an e-mail to all stakeholders asking them to update their projects in the database.

6. IRWMP Next Steps

Tim Worley provided a completed matrix to the Steering Committee with RMC's feedback on planning needs. Other feedback from the Steering Committee on planning needs included:

- There is a need for a central source for data layers to look at what is in the vicinity of projects.
 - The CA Water Plan is going to develop a website similar to this.
 - LA has developed a data layer of all storm drains, but this information is not public
- There is a planning need to define what would be useful and what exists for mapping.
- Shawna Dark from CSUN has been mapping wetland and riparian areas. This information should be used to revisit the habitat targets in the plan.
- The Green Solutions study is identifying the intersection of habitat protection and stormwater benefits. Can we quantify the benefit to water for purchasing private land?
- The National Forest was excluded from the IRWMP before. The Region could consider revisiting this.
- Regarding coordination with State and Federal agencies (near term):
 - Need to look at where the Statewide Watershed Program fits in with the CA Water Plan and IRWMP.
 - Prop 84 has a section on Green Communities. We should determine how IRWMPs can be integrated with Sustainable Community Plans.

7. Sub-regional workshop agenda

The Steering Committee discussed possible topics for the two sub-regional workshops. Comments included:

- For one workshop, the Steering Committee could go to a COG city manager/city engineer meeting to engage those people. Carol Williams inquire as to whether this would be possible.
- The Steering Committee agreed this it is premature to hold a workshop before there is clarity on Prop 84. After the guidelines for Prop 84 are released, a sub-regional grant workshop should be held.

8. DAC Outreach Work Plan Outline

The Steering Committee was asked for their vision on the benefit of the outreach effort. Comments included:

- The hope is that Chris Harris can advise us of what we need to go to meet Prop 84 goals.
- DWR is planning to set a very high bar for DACs in the planning process
- So many populations in LA County are DACs, and the Region can use DAC funds to improve conditions in these areas.
- The goal is to get projects in these communities and participation from these communities.
- It is important to make sure projects proposed are balanced to represent community needs and to ensure that DACs have a voice in the decision-making.
- The result of the outreach should be development and implementation of DAC projects that would not have been developed otherwise due to lack of resources.
- Tim Worley has developed an agenda for a meeting to coordinate current DAC activities and let the consultant know who should be involved. The draft agenda and invite list were sent to Hector yesterday. The meeting would include those who are currently doing outreach in DACs and the consultant.

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

Discussion was cancelled as the Leadership Committee agenda was not available.

10. Future meeting schedule

The May USGR&RH Steering Committee meeting was moved to May 22nd.

- a. Leadership Committee, April 23, 2008, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, LACFCD, 12th Floor
- b. Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Steering Committee, May 22, 2008, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm