



Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Workshop #6

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Community Room
Banning Police Department
125 E. Ramsey Street
Banning CA, 92220

Attendance

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- Julianna Adams, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- John Covington, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Chris Courtney, Pardee Development
- David Dazlich, Building Industry Association
- Larry Ellis, Banning Heights MWC/Banning Bench Community of Interest Association
- Stan Houghton, High Valleys Water District
- Elizabeth Lemus, Cabazon Water District
- Jeanette Marlar, Habitat for Humanity, San Gorgonio Pass
- Tammi Phillips, City of Banning
- Peter Pitassi, Diversified Pacific Communities

Woodard & Curran (W&C) Consulting Team

- Persephene St. Charles
- Warren Greco

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Persephene St. Charles (W&C) welcomed everyone to the sixth Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) workshop. Ms. St. Charles facilitated the meeting.

2. San Gorgonio IRWM Program Schedule

The primary topic of this meeting of the SAC was the release and public review of the Draft San Gorgonio IRWM Plan. This is the final of six scheduled workshops dedicated to the IRWM Plan development process. Public comments on the Draft IRWM Plan will be due on April 16, 2018. Following public comments, the Final IRWM Plan will be prepared and is scheduled to be approved by the RWMG at their meeting on May 7, 2018. The IRWM Plan will be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for review and approval shortly thereafter. DWR will require

approximately 60 days to review the plan, and then will post their initial recommendation for a 30-day public review period. This process is anticipated to take until August or September 2018 under the current schedule. During DWR's review process, RWMG MOU signatories will adopt the Final IRWM Plan. Any changes made to the plan in response to DWR's review and findings will not require these entities to re-adopt the IRWM Plan.

DWR has released the process and schedule for Proposition 1 Implementation Grants. The Final Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) will be released in Summer 2018 and Round 1 Grant Applications will be due in December 2018. Based on this schedule, the San Gorgonio Region will need to review and accept any projects interested in grant funding into the IRWM Plan by October 2018 to allow for a minimum of two months for the grant application process.

Discussion

- John Covington (Morongo Band of Mission Indians) requested that the RWMG discuss the possibility of allowing for stakeholder attendance at future RWMG meetings.
- As background, the SAC was created to provide stakeholders and members of the public an ongoing opportunity to participate in the San Gorgonio IRWM Program. The RWMG is a separate decision-making body made up of local agencies that have adopted the MOU and have committed funding to develop, adopt, and support implementation of an IRWM Plan.
- The SAC discussed that it would be helpful to include any further updates on DWR's process and schedule and the timing of any next steps for the San Gorgonio IRWM Region on the Region's official IRWM Website.

3. IRWM Plan Projects

At the previous SAC Workshop in November, the RWMG announced a "Call-For-Projects" to be included in the IRWM Plan. The announcement was also made on the SGIRWM website and sent to the email distribution list. At the meeting, the SAC also established a Project Review Subcommittee of the SAC, composed of volunteers from the SAC Committee. The following individuals had volunteered at the November SAC meeting to participate on the Subcommittee:

- Elizabeth Lemus (Cabazon Water District)
- Julianna Adams (Riverside County FC&WCD)
- Stan Houghton (High Valleys Water District)
- Robert Taylor (San Bernardino National Forest)

There was a deadline of January 12, 2018 for agencies to submit projects as IRWM Plan Projects. The subcommittee met on January 24, 2018 to review and evaluate the completeness of the forms and made recommendations to the RWMG for including and scoring projects in the IRWM Plan. After review of the subcommittee's recommendations, the RWMG allowed for an extension for project sponsors to respond to subcommittee comments by February 21, 2018. On March 7, the RWMG voted to approve the project list for the IRWM Plan.

The RWMG approved a total of 21 Plan Projects. This included 10 projects from the City of Banning, 9 from Cabazon Water District, 1 project from San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, and 1 project from Banning Heights Mutual Water Company. The RWMG also approved a total of 50 Conceptual Projects, including 18 by the City of Banning, and 32 by RCFCWCD. The current version of the approved project list will be posted on the official IRWM website at <https://www.sgirwm.org/>. The current project list will also be included as an appendix to the IRWM Plan. Note that 9 additional projects from Cabazon Water District were submitted on March 5, 2018 and are still under review by the subcommittee.

Discussion

- The SAC discussed the process for updating project description and modifying the project list. Updates to the project list can be made at the discretion of the RWMG. Future updates will be uploaded as a document on the San Gorgonio IRWM website.
- The SAC discussed the requirements for projects in the upcoming Round 1 Implementation Grant. Every round of funding is different and so information on DWR's requirements will be provided once the PSP is released.

Based on requirements from previous rounds of funding, DWR will likely require information such as technical analysis of benefits, a monitoring plan, a cost effectiveness analysis, and a detailed work plan and budget. DWR requires that the local sponsor fund the project up front and that grant reimburse work completed. More specific questions, such as how prior funding and work will be addressed in the PSP.

- Mr. Covington advocated that the Project Review Subcommittee should include additional stakeholders that are not members of the RWMG. Currently three of four of the subcommittee members are from agencies included in the RWMG. He volunteered to participate in the future as a member of the subcommittee.

4. Review of Draft IRWM Plan

The Draft IRWM Plan incorporates the content reviewed at the previous 5 workshops of the SAC between May 2017 and November 2017. The Plan appendices also include the documentation for the three technical studies completed as part of the Proposition 1 Planning Grant. These include: the Water Supply Reliability Study; the San Gorgonio Region Recycled Water Study; and the San Gorgonio Integrated Watershed and Groundwater Model.

The San Gorgonio IRWM Plan and appendices have been posted as PDF on the Region's official website at <https://www.sgirwm.org/>. The public review and comment period will be from March 14, 2018 to April 16, 2018. Comments on the Plan can be emailed to the IRWM Program Manager SGIRWM@ci.banning.ca.us.

Discussion

- Mr. Covington commented that the boundaries of the Cabazon Water District in the Draft IRWM Plan currently overlap with the service area boundaries of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and that this is incorrect and will need to be addressed. Additionally, some of his comments on the Water Supply Reliability Study have not been addressed in the current draft of the study.

5. Ongoing SAC Meeting Schedule

The IRWM Plan describes that following the completion of the six initial workshops dedicated to the development of the San Gorgonio IRWM Plan, the SAC will meet on a quarterly or as-needed basis for ongoing collaboration and grant program participation. The next meetings of the SAC will likely include discussion of coordination within Funding Area, and Round 1 Implementation Projects. The RWMG will determine subsequent SAC meeting times at the April RWMG meeting.

Discussion

- The SAC discussed that the spirit of the IRWM is to work together and collaborate beyond DWR grant programs, and that going forward the Region should continue to discuss other funding opportunities.