



Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Workshop #5

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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

Attendance

Stakeholder Advisory Committee

- Luis Cardenas, City of Banning
- Jeff Davis, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
- David Dazlich, Building Industry Association
- Larry Ellis, Banning Heights MWC/Banning Bench Community of Interest Association
- Stan Houghton, High Valleys Water District
- Bob Krieger, Krieger & Stewart/Cabazon Water District
- Elizabeth Lemus, Cabazon Water District
- Peter Pitassi, Diversified Pacific Communities
- Jason Uhley, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District)

Additional Stakeholders/Members of the Public

- Mickey Valdivia, Supervisor Marion Ashely, Riverside County

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 fourth Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) workshop. Ms. St. Charles facilitated the meeting.

2. San Gorgonio IRWM Program Update

The schedule for the San Gorgonio IRWM Plan development process is to release a draft IRWM plan for public review in February and to adopt a final Plan in March. Based upon recent information, it is anticipated that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 1 Implementation Grants, will release the Draft

Proposal Solicitation Package for Implementation Grants in the Spring, with the final released in Summer. Although this is a bit later than initially thought, it is important that the Region stay on track with the Plan completion schedule as it will be even better to have the plan further through the acceptance process once the grant application is prepared.

At the previous SAC Workshop in September, the SAC was asked to prioritize a list of climate change issues and IRWM Plan objectives. An email survey was sent out to stakeholders in the Region asking to identify 3-5 of their top priorities.

- Climate Change Vulnerability: Based on the feedback from the stakeholders in the Region, all vulnerabilities are considered a priority but the following were assigned as a higher priority level.

High Priority of Climate Change Vulnerability Issues

Issue Area	Vulnerability Issue
Water Demand	Limited ability to meet future demand
Water Supply	Decrease in local surface supply
	Decrease in groundwater supply
	Decrease in imported supply

- IRWM Plan Objectives: Based on the feedback from the SAC members, the Regional Water management group (RWMG) decided that all objectives would remain a priority for the Region. As a result, the 2018 IRWM Plan does not establish a specific numerical priority for each of the objectives, but it is noted that Objectives that relate to water supply are of immediate interest for the Region.

IRWM Plan Workshop Topic: Project Selection

- The RWMG has announced a “Call-For-Projects” to be included in the IRWM Plan. In addition to the SAC, the announcement will be made on the SGIRWM website and sent to the email distribution list. There will be a deadline of **January 12, 2018** for agencies to submit projects, with an incentive that if agencies can submit projects before **December 12, 2017** they can be part of an initial review to provide feedback and help resolve any issues prior to the January deadline.
- The RWMG has created a Project Nomination Form for project proponents to submit projects for inclusion in the IRWM Plan. The goal of the SG IRWM RWMG is to receive as many eligible projects as possible and so acceptance criteria for the plan have been limited to the minimum that DWR requires. The IRWM Plan will contain *Plan Projects* but will also allow *Conceptual Projects*. Projects with sufficient information to complete the Project Nomination Form will be considered for inclusion in the IRWM Plan. Projects missing some information can still be included in the Plan as a Conceptual Project.
- The project selection committee will be a subcommittee of the SAC, composed of up to four volunteers from the SAC Committee. The select committee will meet in January to review and evaluate the completeness of the forms submitted by before the January 12, 2018 deadline and make recommendations to the RWMG for including projects in the IRWM Plan. The following individuals volunteered to participate on the Subcommittee:
 - Elizabeth “Ellie” Lemus (Cabazon Water District)
 - Julianna Adams or another representative to be named (Riverside County FC&WCD)
 - Stan Houghton (High Valleys Water District)
 - Robert Taylor (San Bernardino National Forest)
- The SAC discussed potential project ideas. The most desirable IRWM Project includes one or more of the following elements, although none of these a required to be included in the IRWM Plan:

- Partnerships– Establishes partnerships through sharing data, funds, resources and infrastructure.
- Regionality – Implements watershed-wide or regional-scale projects.
- Integration – Meets objectives within multiple regional goals

3. Summary and Next Steps

- The next Stakeholder Advisory Committee Workshop will be on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. At that workshop, the SAC will walk through the public draft of the IRWM Plan. This will be the final of the currently scheduled SAC Workshops for the IRWM Plan development. Following this workshop, the SAC will begin meeting for IRWM Plan Implementation.