



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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## Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Water Working Group

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair

March 10, 2010  
9:00 am

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
11310 Valley Blvd.  
El Monte, CA 91731

### MEETING NOTES

#### 1.0 Preliminary Business

##### 1.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am.

##### 1.2 Self-Introductions

Sam Pedroza	Claremont
Marcela Benavides	LA County DPW/Flood Control
Ann Heil	LA County Sanitation District
Michael Antos	LA & SGV Rivers Watershed Council
Jun Cervantes	Monrovia
Mary Ann Lutz	Monrovia
Rob Romanek	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
Wendy La	San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
Peter Rodriguez	Upper SGV MWD
Brian Dickinson	Valley County Water District
Bekah Cooke	COG Staff
Allison Koenker	COG Staff

##### 1.3 Informational Items

- February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes  
There were no changes to the meeting notes.
- Correspondence

#### 2.0 Discussion Items

##### 2.1 Ground Water Augmentation Model

*Michael Antos, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council*

Michael Antos from Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council gave a presentation on the Ground Water Augmentation Model (GWAM), a component of the Water Augmentation Study (WAS) which began in 2000. The study analyzes the practicality of increasing local water supplies by capturing storm water runoff for

infiltration and ground water recharge. This has been a multiyear study involving multiple agency partners. The GWAM is a GIS-based soil moisture accounting model used to estimate runoff, infiltration and deep percolation levels, and can be used to identify opportunities for reducing runoff and increasing infiltration. Currently, GWAM has been used to generate baseline data for the WAS Report, and to support the Compton Creek Watershed Stream Daylighting Project and the LADWP/Treepeople LA City modeling project.

## **2.2 Watershed Coordinator Program**

Rob Romanek updated the group on the following activities:

- The development of a watershed GIS map toolkit is still on-going. Rob attended a meeting with LACDPW Watershed Management Division and LA County Parks and Recreation.
- Bike routes, USFS roads, and trail data from a variety of sources have been combined with various types of open space to create a trail network map. The map is being used to identify locations for trail connections, and watershed landmarks that will provide recreational users a sense of place in the watershed.
- Planning has started for the outreach components of the program, including: (1) educating private landowners about the benefit of native planting and about living on the urban edge, (2) providing for programming along the Rio Hondo corridor which includes river beautification, education about the rich historic legacy along the Rio Hondo, and the coordination of a diverse range of recreational opportunities.

## **2.3 Watershed Stewardship Nominations**

COG staff received the following four (4) Watershed Stewardship Award nominations:

- County of Los Angeles Departments of Parks & Recreation and Public Works
- Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council
- San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
- Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

The group recommended the Watershed Council receive the award for their pioneering initiation of watershed-focused efforts in the region many years ago. The remaining three nominees will receive honorable mentions.

## **3.0 Items for Future Meetings**

There were no new items for future meetings proposed.

Peter Rodriguez announced that there will be an informational forum regarding the water bond on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place at the Courtyard Marriot in Baldwin Park and will be co-sponsored by the COG. The target audience will be the various chambers of commerce, churches, and other community organizations and members.

## **4.0 Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be on April 14, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District offices.

## **5.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.