



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair

November 18, 2009  
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 9:10 am.

##### 1.2 Self-Introductions

Patrick Arakawa	LA County DPW
Nancy Steele	LA & SGV Rivers Watershed Council
Shawn Igoe	Monrovia
Mary Ann Lutz	Monrovia
Wendy La	San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
T. Zampielo	San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
Ed Chavez	Upper SGV MWD
Peter Rodriguez	Upper SGV MWD
Bekah Cooke	COG Staff
Allison Koenker	COG Staff

##### 1.3 Informational Items

- October 14th Meeting Notes  
There were no changes to the meeting notes.
- Correspondence

#### 2.0 Discussion Items

##### 2.1 State Water Package

COG staff updated the working group on the status of the State Water Bond. If the bond is approved by voters in November 2010, the San Gabriel Valley will receive \$100M for groundwater cleanup and an estimated \$50M for water recycling projects. In addition, the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy would receive \$75M for watershed and ecosystem protection. The legislation also requires a 20 percent reduction in water use by 2020. The group agreed to send a

letter to San Gabriel Valley legislatures thanking them for their work on the water bond. The working group agreed to wait until after January 1, 2010 to decide whether or not to recommend a position of support for the bond to the EENR committee.

## **2.2 Foothill Water Coalition Water Conservation Task Force Update**

The water conservation task force met in September and finalized the group message, “Water Shortage – Every Drop Counts.” Due to limited funding, the group would like to leverage off of existing materials from the various regional water districts. The group’s goal is to have their template and message available for agencies who do not have their own message by 2010.

## **2.3 Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance Update**

There has been extensive discussion and planning regarding the State’s mandated water efficient landscape ordinance that goes into effect on January 1, 2010. Glendora has moved forward with their ordinance and an additional 6-7 cities will be ready by January. The majority of cities will take 2-3 months past January 1<sup>st</sup> to implement their own ordinance. The ordinance working group will be meeting November 19<sup>th</sup> to continue discussion and to review progress on the development of their ordinances.

## **2.4 Watershed Coordinator Update**

Staff updated the working group on the following watershed coordinator activities:

- The SGV Open Space forum was cosponsored by the SGVCOG and RMC on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended and participants received information on various funding opportunities.
- The design and implementation of a Trail Head Improvement and public space for River Wilderness Park at El Encanto in Azusa was completed. As part of the project approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of parking lot were transformed into native planter space.
- The Watershed Coordinator is working in conjunction with Cal Poly graduate students to develop a project proposal focusing on trail creation in the SGV foothills. Thus far, \$25,00 of the necessary \$50,000 in funding have been raised to complete the project.
- Efforts to create a toolkit of watershed GIS maps continue. The map database will help identify projects in the region. These maps will be shared at the next working group meeting.

## **3.0 Items for Future Meetings**

None.

## **4.0 Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **5.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.