



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Water Working Group

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair

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9:30 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 9:40 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

Craig Clark	Arcadia
Ken Herman	Arcadia
Sam Pedroza	Claremont
Jim Smith	LA County Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Marcela Benavides	LA County DPW/Flood Control
Ray Tremblay	LA County Sanitation District
Michael Antos	LA & SGV Rivers Watershed Council
Mark Carney	Monrovia
Rob Romanek	Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
Wendy La	San Gabriel Basin Watermaster
Grace Cast	San Gabriel Basin WQA
Brian Dickinson	Valley County Water District
John Beshay	West Covina
Bekah Cooke	COG Staff
Allison Koenker	COG Staff

1.3 Informational Items

- January 13th Meeting Notes
There were no changes to the meeting notes.
- Correspondence

2.0 Discussion Items

- ##### 2.1 Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program Presentation
- Ray Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District*

Ray Tremblay from LACSD made a presentation to the group on the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP), a joint project between the LACSD, Upper SGVMWD, SGVMWD and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, to coordinate a network of reclamation plants in the Valley. These plants would provide a more local, reliable source of recycled water. This project serves as a response to the current drought that has caused the Valley to reach a historic low water level in the Baldwin Park reservoir, as well as, Metropolitan Water District's suspension of replenishment water deliveries in May 2007. GRIP's implementation will be comprised of two phases: (1) 18,000 AFY – 9,000 to the Upper Valley, 9,000 to the Lower, and (2) 46,000 AFY – 25,000 to the Upper, 21,000 to the Lower. Currently, the County's reservoir supply can produce the water necessary for Phase 1. At this point, GRIP's success depends on two major factors, cost and public acceptance. The participating agencies are in the process of forming a JPA and will soon begin public outreach activities.

2.2 Watershed Coordinator Program

Rob Romanek of RMC updated the group on the following activities:

- The development of a watershed GIS map toolkit is still on-going. Rob will be meeting with LACDPW Watershed Management Division to discuss GIS projects and opportunities for collaboration. Progress has been made towards identifying various land use over highly permeable soil zones.
- RMC staff attended the California Landscape Contractor Association's Landscape Industry Show, including seminars for Native and Sustainable Landscaping.
- A reporting template has been developed for the ongoing publishing and communication of program accomplishments. By creating "fact sheets" this will allow for rapid reporting of completed actions to be shared with other stakeholders.

2.3 Watershed Stewards Awards

COG staff sent out the nomination form to the Water Working Group members, as well as, cities and other working groups. All nominations are due by March 1st.

2.4 Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Status Update

Included in the agenda packet is a matrix that shows the status of each city's adoption of a water efficient landscape ordinance.

3.0 Items for Future Meetings

There were no new items for future meetings proposed.

4.0 Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on March 10, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District offices.

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.