



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Water Working Group

May 12, 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 Meeting was called to order at 9:19 am

1.2 Self-Introductions

S. Pedroza	Claremont
D. Glaser	LA & SGV Rivers Watershed Council
B. Ruiz-Hoffman	LA Co Parks & Rec
J. Smith	LA Co Parks & Rec
M. Gasca	LACSD
M. Lutz	Monrovia
V. Shatynski	RMC
P. Rodriguez	Upper SGV MWD
C. Trevino	Upper SGV MWD
R. Romanek	Water Conservation Authority
R. Schoellerman	San Gabriel Basin WQA
M. Ramos	UFCW Local 1428
M. Scaff	Sustainable Claremont
F. Allen	Sustainable Claremont
O. Pena	SGVCOG
B. Cooke	SGVCOG

1.3 Informational Items

– There were no changes to the March 10th meeting notes

2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 2010 Water Bond – Potential Projects and Project Selection Process for the San Gabriel Valley

Groundwater Clean Up

R. Schoellerman stated groundwater cleanup projects that would be considered for funding are primarily water treatment plants. It is unclear whether current bill language would allow for the bond to fund “treatment and remediation” which is key to many of the projects moving forward. R. Schoellerman will contact COG staff if support is needed in modifying bill language.

Water Recycling

P. Rodriguez stated that a number of cities have indicated an interest in building a pipeline from Rosemead to Arcadia where water is needed. Mr. Rodriguez suggested that potential customers could be identified along the way to help with costs. He asked that cities consider passing resolutions in support of the water bond.

Integrated Regional Watershed Management

W. La indicated that they maintain a database of over 1,000 projects that will be used to identify the priority projects to be funded. It was suggested that the water working group reevaluate projects to reflect 1) new wording such as “job creation” and “disadvantaged communities” and 2) integrate similar projects into one matrix in an effort to be more competitive. In addition, the IRWM indicated that support letters of projects of cities and other groups would assist in obtaining funding.

RMC

The RMC indicated that projects that are multipurpose in nature and contain bundled funding are likely to be funded. Projects will be evaluated based on the RMC’s three program areas (Urban, River, Mountains). Shovel ready projects, or Tier 1 projects, that fall under Prop 84 grant program have high priority and RMC wants to balance program areas with regions so that the SGV cities and Gateway cities get an equal share. Last year, RMC was able to fund 12 Tier 1 projects.

2.2 Watershed Coordinator Update

The amendments to the MOU, budget, and work plan have been approved by the Department of Conservation. The Watershed Coordinator participated in community clean-up and outreach events. The development of a watershed GIS map toolkit is on-going. Potential partnerships are being explored between the WCA/RMC and project proponents of unfunded IRWMP projects. The coordinator is seeking to identify IRWMP projects that meet the objectives of both the program and WCA/RMC.

3.0 Announcements

3.1 Stormwater Working Group Meeting

This meeting will be held in the City of Monrovia on June 1st at 10:00 am.

3.2 LACSD Wastewater Treatment Plant & MRF Tour – June 9th

A notice was sent out to working group members last week about this event.

4.0 Items for Future Meetings

None.

5.0 Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will take place June 9th and will include the LACSD Wastewater Treatment Plant and MRF tour

6.0 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am.