




*San Diego IRWMP
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting #20*




February 11, 2009



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- San Diego IRWM Updates
- Region Acceptance Process
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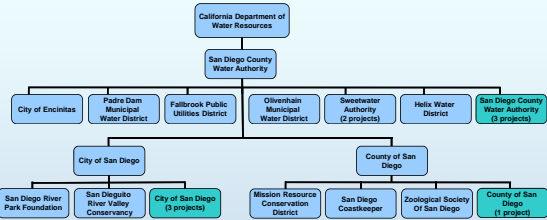
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**San Diego IRWM Updates:
Update on Proposition 50**

- Ca Dept of Finance has suspended all State bond disbursements and commitments
- Ca Dept of Water Resources has indicated that our Prop 50 IRWM Contract – which has been approved by SDCWA Board – will be executed this month
- Subcontracts with RWMG governing bodies and project proponents will be developed in March-April
 - Construction projects must adopt and enforce a Labor Compliance Program

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**San Diego IRWM Updates:
Update on Proposition 50**



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**San Diego IRWM Updates:
Update on Proposition 84**

- Project solicitation process will begin as soon as State indicates availability of bond funds
- Extensive outreach campaign will be conducted to solicit integrated, multi-benefit projects
 - Updates to Project Application Form
 - Workshops to encourage project partnering
 - Outreach to disadvantaged and environmental justice communities

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San Diego IRWM Updates: Update on Proposition 84

Projects eligible for Proposition 84 funding:

- Water supply reliability, water conservation and water use efficiency
- Storm water capture, storage, clean-up, treatment, and management
- Removal of invasive non-native species, creation and enhancement of wetlands, and acquisition, protection, and restoration of watershed lands
- Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring
- Groundwater recharge and management projects
- Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting, and other treatment technologies and conveyance of reclaimed water
- Water banking, exchange, reclamation and improvement of water quality
- Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood management programs
- Watershed protection and management
- Drinking water treatment and distribution
- Ecosystem and fisheries restoration and protection

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Region Acceptance Process

- Defines "planning region" for each IRWM program in the State
- Submitted by the RWMG for region
- Requires DWR approval to be eligible for future IRWM grants

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Region Acceptance Process

- The **San Diego Funding Area** includes portions of southern Orange and Riverside counties, and most of San Diego County



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Region Acceptance Process

Three planning regions established due to:

1. **Water Supply:** Independent water supply agencies drawing from different water sources. Variable dependence on imported water supply.
2. **Wastewater:** Separate wastewater agencies, reclamation plant operators, water recycling programs, and disposal/export practices.
3. **Groundwater:** Different level of dependence on groundwater supply.
4. **Land Use Planning:** Different local and regional land use planning authorities and transportation programs.
5. **Flood Protection:** Independent flood control agencies and programs.
6. **Runoff Water Quality:** Separate NPDES Municipal Storm Water (MS4) permits, urban runoff management planning, and regional water quality outreach programs.
7. **Environmental Resources:** Different habitat conservation planning efforts and nature reserves.
8. **Political Realities:** Separate legal (both regulatory and legislative), taxing, and funding authorities.

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Region Acceptance Process

- Tri-County Funding Area Coordinating Committee (FACC) is comprised of the three regions
 - San Diego, Upper Santa Margarita, and South Orange
- Developed a matrix of 5 alternatives to assess 15 different factors



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Region Acceptance Process

- Alternative 1: Maintains status quo
- Alternative 2: Status quo + coordinated planning in Upper Santa Margarita watershed
- Alternative 2A: Status quo + coordinated planning in Upper Santa Margarita and San Mateo watersheds
- Alternative 3: Separate entire Santa Margarita watershed
- Alternative 4: Merge Upper Santa Margarita into San Diego IRWM



Alternative 1 Status Quo Alternative 2 Status Quo + Adjacency Alternative 2A Status Quo + Adjacency Alternative 3 Separate Santa Margarita Alternative 4 Combine IRWM Plans

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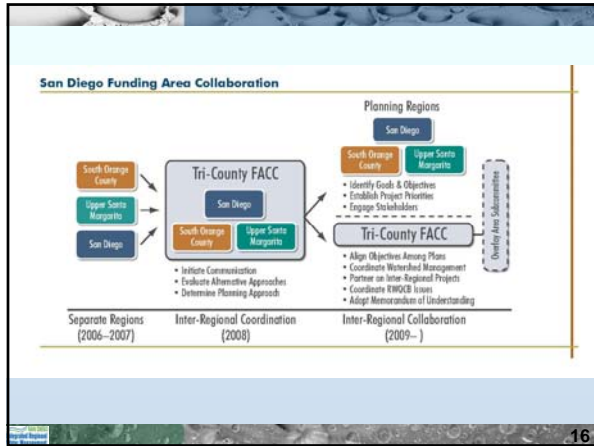
Base Map
 South Orange County Region
 Upper Santa Margarita Region
 San Diego IRWM Region
 Ocean
 Watershed
 River
 Freeway
 County
 Mexico
 Prop. 84 Funding Area Boundary
 Tri-County Overlay Area

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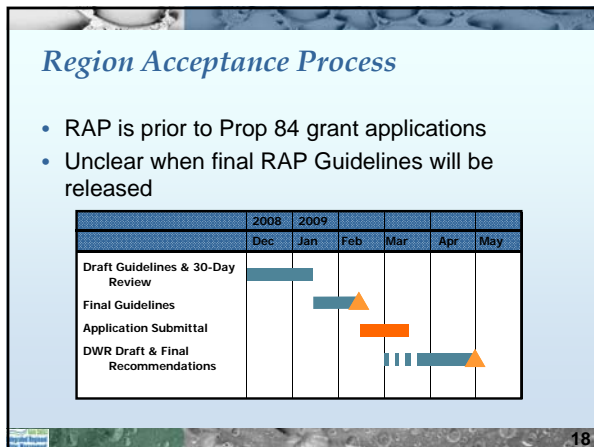
Region Acceptance Process

- Tri-County FACC will enhance regional water resources planning
 - Coordination in IRWM Plan Updates
 - Commitment to Tri-County Overlay Area (watershed areas that cross planning region boundaries)
 - Inter-regional projects and common programs
- Allocate \$91 million in an equitable manner

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- ### Region Acceptance Process
- Tri-County MOU under development to address:
 - Planning cooperation via Tri-County FACC
 - Mutual reference in IRWM Plan Updates
 - Inter-regional projects and common programs
 - Mutual participation in advisory committees
 - Confirmation of planning region boundaries
 - Workgroups for overlay areas
 - Allocation of Prop 84 funds



Region Acceptance Process

- Recommendations:
 - Endorse Alternative 2A as the preferred alternative
 - Execute the Tri-County FACC MOU

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Watershed Planning and Outreach Workgroup

- Workgroup Meeting #1 convened on February 2, 2009
- Workgroup members include:
 - Susan Varty, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
 - Bill Simmons, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
 - Rob Hutsel, San Diego River Park Foundation
 - Shirley Innecken, Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project
 - Katherine Weldon, City of Encinitas
 - Karen Franz, San Diego Coastkeeper
 - Kimberly O'Connell, UC San Diego Environmental Affairs
 - Todd Snyder, County of San Diego Department of Public Works
 - Sheri McPherson, County of San Diego Department of Public Works
 - Mark Stadler, San Diego County Water Authority
 - Cathy Pieroni, City of San Diego Water Department

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Watershed Planning and Outreach Workgroup

- Workgroup discussion emphasized:
 - Watersheds as the focal point of where projects originate > feed up to Hydrologic Units > then up to Countywide Watershed Council
 - Integration of watershed projects should occur at the Hydrologic Unit level with cities and agencies
 - Collaboration with emerging watershed groups vs organized watershed groups
 - How to conduct DAC outreach and obtain information on critical water supply and water needs of DACs

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Watershed Planning and Outreach Workgroup

Workgroup Objectives

- Develop guidance on how to identify multi-benefit projects
 - Identification of projects eligible for Props 84/1E funding
 - Appropriate integration of multiple projects
 - Partnership with water, wastewater, and storm water agencies
 - Measuring benefits to disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Develop a strategy for outreach/coordination with watershed groups to encourage project submittal
- Identify critical water supply and water quality needs for DACs within the region's watersheds
- Develop a strategy for outreach/coordination with DACs to encourage project submittal

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Watershed Planning and Outreach Workgroup

Watershed Outreach Strategy

- Brainstorming for project ideas at Watershed Urban Runoff Management Program (WURMP) meetings
- Road Show on the IRWM project guidance (Objective #1)
 - Convene a public meeting in each watershed
- Coordinate with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), State DPH, and County DEH to identify small water systems for targeted outreach
- Distribute the IRWM Program banner to link RAC member websites to the IRWM website
- Announcements on Project Clean Water website

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Next RAC Meeting

Wednesday April 15th, 9-11:30am

2009 Meeting Schedule

- April 15th, 9-11:30am
- June 10th, 9-11:30am
- August 19th, 9-11:30am
- October 14th, 9-11:30am
- December 9th, 9-11:30am

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