



**Prop 84 Project Selection Workgroup Meeting #5
September 29, 2010
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**San Diego County Water Authority
4677 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123
Library Conference Room**

Meeting Notes

Attendance

Voting Members:

Kirk Ammerman (chair)
Kathleen Flannery
Mark Stadler
Cathy Pieroni
Lori Vereker
Rob Hutsel
Craig Adams
Gabriel Solmer
Iovanka Todt

Alternates:

Sheri McPherson
Toby Roy
Bill Hunter
Linda Flournoy

Consultant:

Rosalyn Stewart

Meeting Notes

Reporting on External, Project-Related Discussions

- Mark – Projects 218/198/179/200, Sustainable Landscapes Program. Talked with conservation staff at County, City of San Diego, and SDCWA about potentially combining the Sustainable Landscapes Programs.
 - Sheri – Projects 218/198/179/200, Sustainable Landscapes Program. County is not able to take the lead on a consolidated Sustainable Landscapes Program. City/County projects are preferable for consolidation.
 - Cathy – Projects 218/198/179/200, Sustainable Landscapes Program. City/County projects are complimentary (no overlap) and preferable for consolidation.
 - Linda – Projects 218/198/179/200, Sustainable Landscapes Program. Some discussion with Surfrider folks; though not specific to IRWM funding. Association of Compost Producers is willing to be lead of combined project.
- Mark – Project 175, Rural Disadvantaged Community Partnership Project. Talked with RCAC about variable issues/solutions. Proposed funding will likely support 2-6 projects.

Will replicate IRWM/ Table F-1 scoring; emphasis on water supply/water quality. Will establish a committee to make final recommendation (include representatives from RAC, County, etc.). Will leverage other funds.

- Mark – Project 192, Tijuana River Valley Wetlands Restoration Project. SDCWA proposes to purchase additional mitigation acreage (75%, 30 acres for future mitigation needs) beyond that required for the Emergency Storage Project at San Vicente Reservoir (25%, 10 acres).
- Gabe – Project 169, San Diego Green School Yard Alliance. CoastKeeper is in discussions with other Chollas Creek partners to potentially consolidate.
- Cathy – Project 116, City of San Diego - Mt. Abernathy Green Street Project and Project 92, Bannock Avenue Neighborhood Streetscape Improvements & Bacteria Treatment for Tecolote Creek Watershed Protection. More urgent need for funding for Project 92, so that is the City's priority. However, they can be combined for some efficiency.

Review of Tier 1 Project List per Scorecard

Workgroup continued discussion and evaluation of the Tier 1 project list. Various projects were moved to the Parking Lot or Round 2 list.

During the discussion, feedback on individual projects included the following:

- Project 149, Volcan Mountain-Grand Property Acquisition for Watershed Management & Habitat Restoration.
 - Property is not subject to eminent residential development (55 homes). Suggestion to emphasize strategic acquisitions in Round 2.
- Project 207, Loma Alta Creek Retention Basins at Rancho Del Oro.
 - Will alleviate downstream flooding and sediment transport.
- Project 43, East and West Riparian Corridor Project.
 - Good implementation project. Suggestion that the project sponsor completes the planning phase and then return in Round 2 for construction funding.
- Project 170, FPUD Recycled Water Storage.
 - Not enough storage (too small) to provide regional benefit.
- Project 209, Phase 1-San Marcos Creek Nutrient and Water Quality Abatement/Urban Stream Restoration.
 - Too large project cost range. Need to better define project.
- Project 208, Regional Water Data Management Program.
 - Re-scope to include stakeholder determination of a framework for Regional Data Management (but not implementation of the system itself)
 - Need to focus on development of data framework with NGO/agency stakeholders. Add funding to pay NGO stakeholders for their time in the Workgroup (i.e., meeting stipend)?
 - Emphasize coordination with existing Regional Board/SDRPF/CoastKeeper data management efforts

- Project 92, Bannock Avenue Neighborhood Streetscape Improvements & Bacteria Treatment for Tecolote Creek Watershed Protection and Project 116, City of San Diego - Mt. Abernathy Green Street Project combined.
 - Project lead indicated greater need for funding of Bannock Avenue project.
- Project 478, Lake Hodges Water Quality and Quagga Mitigation Measures.
 - Specify coordination with the City of Escondido, San Dieguito Watershed Council, and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy's Proposition 50 project during project planning.
- Project 186, Phase I - Chollas Creek Integration Project / Part B separated from package and moved to short list.
 - Need to establish clear performance measures.
 - Specify how the Part A Opportunities Assessment will build on (not repeat) the work completed in 2002 in City of San Diego's Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan
 - Specify how Jacob's Center intends to fund ongoing O&M for the Part B restoration project
 - Encourage working with watershed partners. Balance of on-ground planning.
- Project 200, Sustainable Landscapes-City of San Diego and Project 198, Sustainable Landscape-County of San Diego combined.
 - Specify that all groups will be active participants in the development of standards
 - Clarify how the combined project will build on the Proposition 50 funding received by the City and Water Authority
 - Focus funding on activities that result in meaningful on-the-ground changes in water consumption
- Project 26, San Diego Regional Water Quality Assessment and Outreach Project, 2010.
 - Preference to limit data collection to existing sites (from Prop 50 effort) for longer timeframe, rather than expand collection sites
 - Specify a deliverable/report of water quality assessment that will be distributed to the public
 - Incorporate an panel of stakeholders (including WURMP groups) to review/confirm sampling methodologies that will most helpful to the region
- Project 37, San Diego County Beaches Wet Weather Contamination Assessment.
 - If scope reduction is necessary, suggest removing trash collection component.
 - Also requires stronger coordination with data stakeholders.
- Project 175, Rural Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Partnership Project.
 - Unique client group; good solution to rural water supply problems. Similar structure to conservation program or RW retrofits.
 - In work plan, demonstrate need to provide this service to rural DACs. Limit funding of rural DAC projects to critical water supply and wastewater needs.

- Specify how criteria will be established to select rural DAC projects for funding. Suggest using 1) San Diego County’s list of small water systems not in compliance and 2) USEPA’s list of tribal water systems not in compliance as a starting point for project selection.
- Identify what proportion of funding will be used to implement demonstration projects
- Specify reporting process for communicating selected projects and successes back to the IRWM program
- Project 187, Implementing Nutrient Management in the Santa Margarita River Watershed - Phase I.
 - Revise min/max project costs and funding match to only include Phase 1 effort
 - Remove agricultural efficiency implementation component of work plan and redirect interested parties to the San Diego County Water Authority (contact: Mayda Portillo, mportillo@sdcwa.org) as they received Proposition 50 funding for agricultural efficiency activities

Ranking Strategy Discussion

Workgroup discussed the ranking strategy being used – 1) truthing the project objectives and other Workgroup criteria to determine a more accurate score and 2) reviewing the projects against one another within functional groups.

Workgroup suggestion and support for allowing projects funded in Prop 50 grant to be included within this Prop 84-Round 1 package. Agreement to allow those projects.

Preliminary Nomination of Projects for Funding Application

Workgroup proceeded to identify a preliminary project package through nominations, discussion, and informal voting.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- ✓ RMC to distribute spreadsheet with three categories of projects: Preliminary Funding Package; Parking Lot, Round 2 List.
- ✓ RMC to create map of Preliminary Funding Package. Include watersheds on map.
- ✓ RMC to coordinate Workgroup debrief after RAC meeting.