



**Prop 84 Project Selection Workgroup Meeting #1
September 9, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**San Diego County Water Authority
4677 Overland Ave., San Diego, CA 92123
2nd Floor 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
Jeff Pasek
Bill Hunter
Anne Bamford
Rob Roy
Linda Flournoy

Consultant:

Rosalyn Stewart

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions

Workgroup members went around the room introducing themselves and identifying which functional area they represent.

Purpose, Structure, and Ground Rules

Workgroup discussed the draft Purpose, Structure, and Ground Rules. Suggestion to revise Item 11 to require reporting on all external communications. Suggestion to revise Item 14 to clarify that all Workgroup members will be allowed to vote on an overall proposal that contains projects for which they are a direct beneficiary. Suggestion to add new Item 17 that the Workgroup discussion and deliberative process will remain confidential. Suggestion to add new Item 18 that only projects submitted before the August 2010 deadline will be considered by the Workgroup for the funding proposal.

Meeting Schedule

Workgroup reviewed the proposed meeting schedule and topics for discussion at each Workgroup meeting.

Designation of Chairperson

Workgroup nominated and voted Kirk Ammerman as chairperson.

- Unanimous approval.

Reporting on External, Project-Related Discussions

Workgroup members explained any external, project-related discussions:

- Craig—Project 149, Volcan Mountain-Grand Property Acquisition for Watershed Management & Habitat Restoration. At a recent Watershed Council meeting, the project was discussed.
- Lori—Project 212, San Diego North Regional Recycled Water Project. As a project partner, she participates in regular project team meetings.

Project Selection Criteria

Workgroup reviewed and discussed the suggested Project Selection Criteria. Suggestion to acknowledge in Budget criteria that DAC projects are exempt from the 25% funding match requirement. Suggestion to add new project-level criteria for Benefits to DACs. Suggestion to add new project-level criteria for Benefits to Tribes.

General Approach to Project Evaluation

Workgroup discussed the general approach to project evaluation. Following approach used for Prop 50 cycle, Workgroup will develop a Scorecard to evaluate each individual project against the project-level criteria. No weighting will be applied to the project-level criteria. This Scorecard will be used to determine which projects move forward to a ‘short list’.

Workgroup discussed the need to ‘truth’ the project information submitted by project sponsors. It appears some project sponsors exaggerated, left out, included indirect, or unclearly defined the benefits, costs, tasks, and/or results of the proposed projects.

Workgroup discussed the possibility of receiving additional funding beyond \$7.9 million in Round 1. Asking for additional funding would decrease the funding available in Round 2, potentially to the detriment of good projects. Further, many project sponsors used that figure (\$7.9 million) to determine whether or not to submit projects. Now that more funding may be available, we may need to reopen the submittal period. Suggestion to identify several additional projects, beyond \$7.9 million package, as a B List for inclusion in the grant application. Suggestion to include statement in grant application that we can identify additional projects should funding be made available. Suggestion to return to RAC for a policy recommendation.

Action Items

- ✓ RMC to revise Ground Rules for consideration at Meeting #2.
- ✓ RMC to revise Project Selection Criteria for consideration at Meeting #2.
- ✓ RMC to reprint Tier 1 and Tier 2 lists with grant request and funding match columns.

- ✓ RMC to print list of funded Prop 50 projects for Workgroup reference.
- ✓ RMC to distribute Scorecard for Workgroup use in reviewing projects.
- ✓ RMC to distribute summary of Economic Analysis required by DWR in the Implementation Grant application.
- ✓ RMC to distribute summary of Statewide Priorities, for Workgroup reference.
- ✓ Workgroup to review Tier 2 project list and bring any suggestions for reconsideration to Meeting #2.
- ✓ Workgroup to review all Tier 1 projects in binder in order to begin completing Scorecard at Meeting #2.