Regional Advisory Council  
Meeting #13 Notes  
October 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

Attendance – RAC Members  
- Craig Adams, San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
- Kirk Ammerman, City of Chula Vista  
- Meleah Ashford, Consultant  
- Dennis Bostad, Sweetwater Authority  
- Neil Brown, Padre Dam Municipal Water District  
- Kathleen Flannery, County of San Diego  
- Linda Flourney, Planning & Engineering for Sustainability  
- Doug Gibson, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy  
- Rob Hustel, San Diego River Park Foundation  
- Keith Lewinger, Fallbrook Public Utility District  
- Marsi Steirer, City of San Diego  
- Mike Thornton, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority  
- Kevin Wood, on behalf of Shelby Tucker, San Diego Association of Governments  
- Mark Weston, Helix Water District  
- Susan Varty, Olivenhain Municipal Water District

Attendance – RWMG Staff  
- Jon Van Rhyn, County of San Diego  
- Cathy Pieroni, City of San Diego Water Department  
- Cecilia Padres, County of San Diego  
- Dana Friehauf, San Diego County Water Authority  
- Jeff Pasek, City of San Diego Water Department  
- Mark Stadler, San Diego County Water Authority  
- Sheri McPherson, County of San Diego  
- Toby Roy, San Diego County Water Authority

Attendance – Interested Parties to the RAC  
- Alyson Watson, RMC Water and Environment  
- Persephene St. Charles, RMC Water and Environment  
- Amanda Schmidt, RMC Water and Environment  
- Greg Kryz, on behalf of Meena Westford, United States Bureau of Reclamation  
- Rick Alexander, Sweetwater Authority  
- Mark Umphres, Helix Water District  
- Robin Badger, San Diego Zoological Society  
- Michael Welch, Consultant
Introductions
Ms. Kathleen Flannery (Chairperson) welcomed Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) members to their 13\textsuperscript{th} meeting. Brief introductions were made by all RAC members and consultants.

Institutional Structure
Ms. Persephene St. Charles (RMC Water and Environment) facilitated discussion on three fundamental questions:

- Is this [items included in presentation] everything the Institutional Structure needs to accomplish?
- How should the Institutional Structure be organized?
- How should the Institutional Structure be funded?

Institutional Structure Goals
Multiple ideas regarding appropriate goals for the Institutional Structure were discussed during the meeting and are listed below.

- Clean up watersheds
- Distribute funds throughout California
- Cross “silos” of water management to be more productive, but without duplicate efforts
- Be more than a “grant machine”
- Monitor and track what is happening in “silos”
- Integrate/look for project opportunities; identify good projects
- Teach and spread knowledge about what makes a well-integrated, planned and designed project (for future projects to more easily meet IRWMP goals); have an information base for requests about current projects
- Be flexible to changing conditions
- To integrate stakeholders and project types to achieve the goals of the IRWM Plan and to achieve maximum benefit

Institutional Roles
One entity will ultimately need to be responsible and therefore make the final decisions. The question is whether this will be a JPA, public administering entity, or some other organization. RAC members posed the following questions related to this topic.
Will the structure be a grant machine, planning organization, or planning plus construction?

How long will the timeframe of the structure be: indefinite, 5-10 years, or some other length of time?

Institutional Structure Organization

Three organizational structures were proposed: top-down, bottom-out, inside-out.

Institutional Structure Funding

The following comments regarding potential funding were discussed.

- Those who receive benefits should pay for the structure (agencies, groups, etc.)
- Regional entities should fund the structure
- Metropolitan Water District (MWD) should assist in funding the structure because MWD receives benefits from projects being implemented
- A percentage of grant funding should be dedicated to funding the structure

General RAC Member Comments and Responses

- The main reason for the Institutional Structure is because of the funding opportunities. Generally when the money runs out, the “people dry up”. What is to happen when funding opportunities are not there? The institutional structure can be developed assuming there will be funds available; as money starts to run out, the structure can be reevaluated or changed.

Conclusions/Actions

Three “straw man” institutional structure approaches will be developed to facilitate discussion and next RAC meeting.

RAC Workgroup Update

Ms. Kathleen Flannery introduced potential RAC meeting dates in 2008. The group is to review and bring any concerns to the next RAC meeting.

RAC Member Comments and Responses:

- Are letters of support encouraged for the entire grant application package? Letters of support are recommended for individual projects or the proposal, as long as they specifically describe the benefits that the project(s) or proposal will provide.
- Letters of support should then be written for all projects, so that none are left out.

Other Updates

Toby Roy provided an update on the draft SWRCB recycled water policy as well as the IRWM updates.
Future Agenda Items
Future RAC meetings are as follows:
  - November 13: RAC meeting to further discuss Institutional Structure.

Public Comments
No public comments were received.