San Diego IRWM Program
RAC Meeting #87

October 7, 2020

Schedule

- Meeting Logistics
- Welcome and Introductions
- Water Resilience Portfolio
- Future of San Diego IRWM – Summit Feedback
- Diversity and Inclusion
- RAC Membership
- Grant Administration
- Public Comments
- Summary and Next Steps
All attendees: Please enter your full name and organization into the chat.

For any technical difficulties, contact: Nicole Poletto, 858-875-7405

Virtual Meeting Process

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Water Resilience Portfolio

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Director of the Governor’s Water Portfolio Program
California Natural Resources Agency

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2020 San Diego IRWM Summit

- March 2, 2020
- The Water Conservation Garden

Future of San Diego IRWM

- Potential changes to San Diego IRWM being evaluated by RWMG
- Considered:
  - 2016 IRWM Summit
  - RAC discussions
  - Roundtable of Regions discussions
  - Anticipated state priorities
  - Feasibility
Question to Attendees

- What should SDIRWM Program look like in the next four years?
  - Feedback being used to help guide the RWMG
  - Top priorities being considered for feasibility and practicality

Future of San Diego IRWM Topics

- The RAC
- Future of SDIRWM
- IRWM Evolution
- IRWM Program Support for Stakeholders
How Recommendations will be Used

- RWMG will consider highest priorities for feasibility and cost
- Opportunities to implement recommendations will be explored by the RWMG
- Expect adjustments to RAC meetings and IRWM Program activities in response to priorities

Discussion goal:
Actionable recommendations for RWMG to consider for future of SDIRWM Program

Outcomes – See Handout for Full Results!
Key Themes from Summit

- Expand topics and activities
- Engage with more entities and initiatives
- Go beyond planning and funding
- Increase funding-related support
- Encourage changes at State level to improve funding and administration process

Theme: Increase Funding-Related Support

Discussion questions:
1. Which types of funding are you most interested in?
2. What type of role should SDIRWM play in trying to secure other types of funding?
3. Are there other grant programs where you can use grant administration support if funding were available?

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Theme: Encourage Changes at State Level to Improve Funding Process

Discussion questions:
1. Are there other changes we should advocate for to ease the grant application and administration process for URCs?
2. How can SDIRWM best encourage the State to make such changes?
3. The State has defined DACs (80% MHI) based on economic factors. Should the State consider other factors?

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Breakout Rooms

- You will be assigned a breakout room with a facilitator
  - Approx. 15 minutes per theme
- Please be patient – it may take a few seconds to join the room
- You will receive a 1-minute warning prior to the end of the breakout sessions
  - You will be automatically returned to main meeting room
- If you lose your connection:
  - Rejoin the main meeting!
  - Message Nicole Poletto with the name of your facilitator and you will be added to the correct breakout room
SDIRWM Summit Breakout Rooms

Provide actionable recommendations for the RWMG

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Diversity and Inclusion in SDIRWM

- Topic of discussion at Roundtable of Regions and SDIRWM RAC Meetings

What does diversity and inclusion - in relation to SDIRWM - mean to you?

Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Letter to the Roundtable of Regions

1. Urge DWR to work with legislators to modify the definition of DACs to consider historic racism
   - DWR cannot lobby legislation

2. Assist DWR to understand unique challenges and need for flexibility when reviewing projects for funding
   - These actions are being explored further

3. Forming a work group to develop guidance on how to ensure equitable outcomes within IRWM

4. Organizing a panel at the October virtual summit on advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in IRWM
   - A panel will be included during the October Summit
Diversity of RAC Members

- Alter Terra
- Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation
- Building Industry Association
- California Coastal Conservancy
- California Landscape Contractors Association
- California Trout
- City of Chula Vista
- City of El Cajon
- City of Encinitas
- City of Imperial Beach
- City of Oceanside
- City of San Diego
- County of San Diego
- Escondido Creek Conservancy
- Farm Bureau of San Diego County
- Floodplain Management Association
- Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek
- Helix Water District
- Industrial Environment Association
- Jamul Indian Village of California
- La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- La Posta Band of Mission Indians
- Lakeside River Park Conservancy
- Mission Resource Conservation District
- Mundo Gardens
- Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- Otay Water District / Metro Joint Powers Authority
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Planning & Engineering for Sustainability
- Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Coaastkeeper
- San Diego County Board of Education
- San Diego County Water Authority
- San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
- San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative
- San Diego River Park Foundation
- San Diego Sustainable Living Institute
- San Diego Zoo Global
- San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
- San Elijo Joint Powers Authority
- San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy
- San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
- SANDAG
- Santa Fe Irrigation District
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- SDSU Center for Regional Sustainability
- SDSU Department of Geography
- Sweetwater Authority
- The Nature Conservancy
- UCSD Clean Water Utility
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- Yuima Municipal Water District

60 Organizations have Participated as Voting Members Past and Present

Diversity of Funded Projects

- 27 DAC and Tribal projects funded
- ~$15M

San Diego IRWM Program
Funded Projects
Prop 50, 84, and 1
October 2020

Legend
- Proposition 50 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 1 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 2 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 3 Projects
- Proposition 84 Round 4 Projects
- Proposition 1 DAC Projects
- Proposition 1 Round 1 Projects

Funded Projects by Region:

- 101 - 105
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San Diego River Basin
Diversity and Inclusion in SDIRWM

**RWMG Recommendations**

- Urge DWR and ROR to establish a workgroup to define equitable outcomes and how to assess the impact of historic racism on water management policies.
- Consider racial equity when reviewing projects for SDIRWM funding.

*What does diversity and inclusion - in relation to SDIRWM - mean to you?*

*How can our Region promote equitable outcomes?*

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Addition of SGMA Representative (Non-Voting)

- Summit feedback indicated interest in involving additional entities
- In discussion with the San Luis Rey Groundwater Sustainability Agency to add a SGMA representative as a non-voting seat
- This will seat will replace the non-voting State Coastal Conservancy seat that has remained open

Non-Voting Members (8)
State, federal, and regional agencies who are interested parties
1. Regional Water Quality Control Board – Laurie Wolch (NTL), A: Tony Felix
2. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation – Jack Simms (NTL), A: Leslie Cleveland
3. Military Community – John Simpson/USMC Camp Pendleton (NTL), A: Jessica Sproul
4. Tri-County FAC (Upper Santa Margarita RWMG) – Justin Hazen/Rancho California Water District (NTL)
5. Tri-County FAC (South Orange RWMG) – Grant Sharp/County of Orange (NTL), A: Jenna Youn
6. State Coastal Conservancy – open
7. U.S. Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest – Gloria Silva (NTL), A: Emily Fudge
8. U.S. Indian Health Services – Sean Bush (NTL)

NTL = No Term Limit

Addition of a 32nd Voting Seat

- Effective 2021, the RWMG will consider the addition of a 32nd voting seat on the RAC

1. Who is missing from the table?
2. What should the RAC look for?
3. Are there any individuals or organizations you would recommend?
RAC Membership – 2017-2020 Term Turnover

- **Purpose:** Facilitate broader stakeholder participation and ensure that all stakeholders have an equal opportunity to serve on the RAC
- **Method:** Rotate ~half of RAC members every second year

Previous and current RAC members are welcome to apply for a new term

Existing RAC Member Structure

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  - Southern IRWM Region
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- Natural Resources & Watersheds (5)
  - Water Conservation (NGO)
  - Protection and Restoration (NGO)
  - Recreation
  - Coastal Ecosystems
- Other (7)
  - Flood Management
  - Business Community
  - Agriculture
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  - At Large
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Existing RAC Member Structure

13 Open Seats (shown in red – see handout for details)

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RAC Member Selection Workgroup

- Solicitations sent via email in September
- All caucus members have a say in who to nominate from their caucus

- Water Supply: Rania Amen, Santa Fe Irrigation District
- Water Quality: Patrick McDonough, San Diego Coastkeeper
- Natural Resources & Watersheds: Phil Pryde, San Diego River Park Foundation
- Tribal: Eric La Chappa, La Posta Band of Mission Indians
- DAC / Environmental Justice: Jennifer Hazard, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Other: Mark Seits, Floodplain Management Association
RAC Member Selection Schedule

- **Sep 30**: RAC Member Selection Workgroup nominations due from each caucus
- **Oct 9**: Announce open positions; Distribute RAC Member application
- **Nov 9**: RAC Member application and nomination period closes
- **Nov 16-20**: RAC Member Selection Workgroup meets and appoints new members to be reviewed by the RWMG
- **Dec 2**: New Members announced; Membership in effect January 2021 – December 2024

RAC Desired Attributes

- Has knowledge and experience in water resources management.
- Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia.
- Has the ability and desire to objectively articulate the perspective of his/her RAC seat and caucus at a level beyond that within his/her individual organization.
- Can provide recommendations with the best interests of the entire San Diego IRWM region in mind.
RAC General Duties

1. Attend meetings consistently (only two absences/year)
2. Come prepared to meetings
3. Be responsive to requests between meetings
4. Act as a point of contact and disseminate information related to the IRWM Program as appropriate
5. Designate an alternate to attend and participate in RAC meetings as needed
6. Recuse from discussion or voting if personal interest or stake in the outcome

RAC Conflict of Interest Policy

- The following activities are incompatible with membership on the RAC or Workgroup(s) and so are prohibited:
  - Any activity for private gain.
  - Additional employment that would impair the RAC or Workgroup member’s independence of judgment. May not advocate for their entity’s project during the project selection process.
  - RAC or Workgroup member must disclose his/her personal interest and fully recuses himself/herself from participating in the project selection process for applicable projects.
RAC Member Application

- Pass/fail eligibility criteria:
  - Represents an agency, non-profit organization, tribe, or academia
- Application form – see handout!

RAC Applications

- Reminder: RAC applications are due **November 9, 2020**
- Applications will be circulated via SDIRWM list serve and available for download: [http://sdirwmp.org/regional-advisory-committee](http://sdirwmp.org/regional-advisory-committee)
- For questions about the process or to submit a completed application, contact:

  **Mark Stadler**
  IRWM Program Manager
  mstadler@sdcwa.org
  858-522-6735
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**Grant Administration**

*Loisa Burton, San Diego County Water Authority*
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**Current Funding Opportunities**

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2020 Meeting Schedule

- Next RAC Meeting: December 2, 2020
- 2021 Meeting Schedule:
  - February 3, 2021
  - April 7, 2021
  - June 2, 2021
  - August 4, 2021
  - October 6, 2021
  - December 1, 2021

- Regular Meetings Held First Wednesday of Every Other Month -