

Minutes

Greater Los Angeles County IRWMP – North Santa Monica Bay Sub-Region

Subject: 4/4/06 NSMB IRWMP Steering Group Meeting

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Location: Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Calabasas

1. March meeting review

- Randal noted that the LVWMD Step 2 project and City of Westlake Step 2 project are being combined.
- Barbara Cameron noted that the City of Malibu's contribution to the previous effort was actually \$16,200 (\$7,500 contribution plus \$8,700 in unreimbursed costs)
- Next steering committee: May 9th @ 8:45 am at Las Virgenes MWD (LVMWD) prior to NSMBW Task Force Meeting.

2. Project-Related Items

a. Step 2 Application:

- Projects from the NSMB in the final list include:
 - Large Landscape Conservation/Runoff Reduction Management and Outreach Program (West Basin MWD)
 - Malibu Creek Watershed Urban Water Conservation and Runoff Reduction Project combined with City-wide Irrigation Controllers (City of Westlake)
 - Construction of the Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Project (City of Calabasas)
 - Restoration of Southern Steelhead Habitat in Solstice Creek (National Park Service)
- Questions raised by the steering committee:
 - What happens if a project gets funded in the meantime? How does the Leadership Committee and/or Steering Committee decide on replacement projects?
 - Can the State eliminate individual projects from the funding if they so choose?

b. Call for projects and project concepts for IRWMP

- Comments on call for projects were:
 - Form is too much; the amount of information requested does not match with what it appears the IRWMP is trying to accomplish at this point
 - Plan needs to look beyond Chapter 8
 - Language in the form is confusing
 - It would be helpful to include examples of the kinds of projects

- Call for projects needs to include non-structural programs; maybe bundle with a structural project or program
- Would be great to have a one-page application that was fun to complete
- Project ideas shared included:
 - Huge need for data sharing
 - Need for environmental education programs
 - Need for cross-jurisdictional ordinances
 - Would be helpful to have a website forum to share ideas
- Project lists
 - Melina shared the list that the MCWAC is developing from the 44 Action Items
- Comments on possible one page form:
 - First page should be standalone questions; if project is conceptual, proponent doesn't complete rest of package
 - Provide a range for cost if not known; also for match contribution
- c. Sub-regional workshop:
 - Steering committee members suggested that the next workshop focus on:
 - Presentation on the projects received through the call for projects
 - Use as a workshop to complete project lists and concepts; provide coaching to people to complete one-page form
 - Consultant/chair to create a flyer for the workshop and send to steering committee members to distribute; have meeting at the Agoura Hills Community Center as it has more room than LVWMD.
 - Discussed possibly having it in the evening or on the weekend to get others to come; also discussed possibly having from 10 am to 2 pm with lunch provided.
 - For the workshop and the call for projects, ground rules need to be established about the kinds of projects submitted and who can submit projects (e.g. can someone submit a project even if they have no jurisdiction or responsibility for the project?)
 - Once all projects are received, there will need to be a vetting process to thin the list by the end of the summer.
- d. Plan adoption: questions, issues?
 - Not discussed
- e. Disadvantage community outreach
 - Not discussed

3. Administrative Items

- a. Countywide Leadership Committee
 - Not discussed
- b. Steering Committee
 - MOU was not discussed; agreed to move to the top of the agenda for the next meeting

- Impression was that the sub-region would have two seats on the Leadership Committee.
- c. Funding Commitments: status and next steps
 - Funding commitments discussed were:
 - LVMWD: \$5,000
 - Triunfo SD: \$5,000
 - West Basin MWD: Will match LVMWD
 - RCDSMM: Melina to ask Board
 - Malibu: Contributed \$8,700 in the previous round
 - Randal sending an email to West Basin regarding the status of funding commitments

4. Upcoming Important Dates:

- NSMB Steering Committee Meeting: May 9 (8:45 am to 9:45 am; before NSMBWTF)
- NSMB Stakeholder Workshop No. 3: May 16 (9-noon)

5. Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
Joe Bellomo	City of Agoura Hills and City of Westlake Village
Shirley Birosik	Regional Water Quality Control Board
Barbara Cameron	City of Malibu
Mark Capron	Triunfo Sanitation District
Alex Farassati	City of Calabasas
Michael Hart	Malibou Lake Mountain Club
Dan Lafferty	LADPW
Gus Meza	West Basin Municipal Water District
Randal Orton	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Fernando Paludi	West Basin Municipal Water District
Melina Watts	RCDSMM
Tom West	RMC Water and Environment