

Draft Minutes
Upper San Gabriel River and Rio Hondo Sub-Region
Steering Committee Meeting

March 29, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.
San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
1720 Cameron Avenue, Suite 100, West Covina, CA

1. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

Attendees:

Ed Means	Bart Doyle
Andree Hunt	Margaret Clark
Darin Kasamoto	Aracely Lasso
Shirley Birozik	Jeff Helsley
Michael Drennan	Rick Hansen
Nancy Steele	Robert Gomez
Jane M. Bray	Frank Kuo

2. Update from last Leadership Committee

Frank Kuo provided an update from the March Leadership Committee meeting.

3. Prop 50 and 84 Updates

Ed Means provided a update on the status of Prop 50 and 84. A summary of the March 14th funding area meeting with DWR was distributed. Comments on what planning resources are needed included:

- Project development
- Project integration
- A transition between Prop 50 and 84 priorities
- Projects that prepare for climate change

4. Prioritization Framework

An overview of the conceptual project prioritization framework is included in the attached presentation. Comments on project prioritization included:

- Applicant match capability should be considered
- Readiness to proceed is important- the database contains a lot of good ideas with no detail, but the grant money is for building something
- Could have two cuts, with one irrespective of readiness to proceed
- If there are projects that would meet the needs of a program but are not ready, we should look at why they are not ready
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy went through effort of ranking programs by region, but go by readiness

- Going to take projects that meet criteria for what you're doing/applying for at that point
 - Thinking too narrowly if just thinking in terms of DWR funding
- Issue of projects listed as regional when they are not
 - Reason we need lat/long in the database
- Consensus was that that first cut should remove projects with no proponent contact info
- Some were uncomfortable with using quantified benefits to cut projects
 - How are numbers verified?
 - Water quality benefits hard to quantify
 - Open space projects have water supply/quality benefits because they prevent land from being developed- how do you quantify?
- More mixing, matching, and integrating needed; could get people together at SC level to improve projects
- USGR sub-region had least amount of listed water quality benefits- would get shortchanged
- When list has been narrowed to 100-120 projects, should invite projects proponents to meeting
- Can't have consultant working on people's projects in database
- At some point, should have opportunity to look at/visit projects
 - concern that sub-region loses control of project selection
 - ought to know more about projects than what is on paper
- Want to leave the door open for "smell test" at end of prioritization
- Should address feasibility
 - Does the project make sense and get you to where you're going with it?
- Have to give proponents an opportunity to self-rank
- SC discussed whether projects that are education in orientation should be included; consensus was that these projects should be looked at during integration step

5. Activities in May and June: Project Identification/Integration

Ed Means provided an update on activities in May and June.

- End of April: deadline for adding/updating projects
- April: Project prioritization framework
- May: Project prioritization
- June: Integration

6. Schedule

The Steering Committee scheduled the following meetings:

- Thursday, April 26th, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Thursday, May 24th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

- Tuesday, May 29th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Monday, June 18th, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm