

Greater Monterey County IRWMP

04-23-09 Regional Water Management Group Meeting Minutes

Participants: Donna Meyers, Bridget Hoover, Susan Robinson, Elizabeth Krafft, Ross Clark, Horacio Amezcua, Kevin O'Connor, Regina Williams, Eric Tynan, Ken Ekelund, Gary Shallcross, Bryan Largay, Gary Rogers, Amy Vanderwarker, Paul Robins, Jim Heizman

Miscellaneous items were discussed. Susan asked Ken about Native American groups living in the Big Sur region (in regards to developing the stakeholder list). Ken mentioned several Native American groups in the Carmel Valley region, but doesn't know of any currently living in Big Sur (at least none that are officially recognized). Someone mentioned that the REPOG folks should be involved in this IRWMP process. Someone else mentioned that the North County Ad Hoc Water Committee meets once/month.

It was recommended that in the IRWMP, the longevity of the plan, what will happen in the future, and amendments be discussed.

Amy asked whether it would be possible to get stipends for disadvantaged communities for attendance at workshops and participation on subcommittees. Donna said she would look into it. Donna mentioned that Big Sur Land Trust could help with translation services, and Bridget said the Sanctuary could help as well. Amy is also willing to get help with translation.

Susan discussed the MOU, requested feedback from the RWMG by May 21st. She will attempt to get the final MOU to the RWMG by June 1st for review by their respective boards. Signatures will be required by end of June. Clarified that the MOU was a commitment to participate and develop the GMC IRWMP.

Ken stated that we need to be sure to allow opportunity for stakeholder involvement. Public Workshop #1.

Susan asked all members to come up with a list of "experts" for next month's meeting in order to help determine what significant water-related "issues and conflicts" exist in the Greater Monterey County region. We will develop an Issues and Conflicts Subcommittee who will then interview these experts.

The RWMG decided to do a call for projects after Public Workshop #2. Discussed a tier system for projects. All projects need to be reviewed by sub-committees.

Timeline:

1st public workshop, late August

Final language for MOU by May 21st. Signatures by end of June.

It was decided that future RWMG should be held on a regular date each month so that members can plan in advance. Future RWMG meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, locations TBD.

The next meeting will be held May 20th, hosted by Carl Nizawa at Salinas City Hall.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM.