

## Greater Monterey County IRWMP

6-17-09 RWMG meeting minutes

### Participants:

Amy Vanderwarker, Bill Phillips, Bridget Hoover, Butch Kronlund, Dana Jacobson, Denise Estrada, Donna Meyers, Gary Shallcross, Jim Heitzman, Jim Smith, Ken Ekelund, Kevin O'Connor, Paul Robins, Ross Clark, Sierra Perry, Susan Robinson, Tarrah Henrie, Vanessa Vallarta

Bridget provided an update on the Issues & Conflicts subcommittee. They've held two conference calls and contacted the majority of experts that were identified. Results will be presented at the July RWMG meeting.

### MOU Discussion

#### RWMG-

- The Monterey County Farm Bureau chose not to participate in the RWMG, but rather to be a stakeholder. The Monterey County Ag Commissioner's office voiced interest in being part of the RWMG. It was presented to the group to replace the Farm Bureau with the Ag Commissioners office. There were no objections.
- We are still pursuing adding a representative for Disadvantaged Communities in southern Monterey County. Cliff Price, City of Soledad Public Works Dept., was mentioned as a possible contact. Vanessa also mentioned she had City contacts in South County.
- One question was raised as to how to remove an organization from the RWMG. There is language that describes how an entity can ask to be removed but not language as to how to remove an organization for lack of participation. This was not resolved.
- Bill recommended language be inserted in the first sentence of #5.9 "It is recognized that the RWMG may change in the future..." The group participants could be evaluated on an annual basis.

#### Consensus vs. Majority vote-

There was much discussion on this topic. Most all agreed that consensus was not a practical approach.

- Vanessa suggested that a quorum is usually necessary for groups to make decisions. It is more practical to go with a majority vote. A quorum ensures representative minimum for voting (50%+1).
- It was decided that electronic votes would not be allowed but votes by conference call would as long as the participant was involved in the discussion.
- There will be one vote allowed per organization and it will not be weighted.
- It was suggested that this information be written into bylaws and referenced in the MOU.
- There was some concern mentioned about the possibility of an agency not supporting a project but being forced to implement it if it was scored high. The group indicated this would not be possible. There has to be agreement by all

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organizations involved to recommend a project. [Bridget I don't think this is entirely clear. You might say, "However, it was explained that it would be impossible for this situation to occur. A project cannot be included in the IRWMP without the full support of the implementing organization/agency and all partnering organizations involved in the project." Something like that?]

It was realized by many that this is not a typical planning document. Rather, it is simply an effort to create an expensive [do you mean expensive? Or expensive? It IS expensive, that's for sure] list of projects to propose to the Department of Water Resources for State grant funding.

Vanessa motioned "Bylaws be established that require a quorum be present and voting will be by simple majority".

- 1 vote per organization
- Votes allowed by phone
- Votes not allowed electronically

It was seconded by Ross Clark.

Amy voiced concern about simple majority because DAC's might only have one representative. She was not strongly against it but felt it necessary to be on the record mentioning the concern.

Bill commented that DWR might require that DACs get additional prioritization.

Paul commented that the RCD is seen as a representative of Ag but they represent other stakeholders as well.

The vote: none opposed, two abstained (Rob and Amy), all others in favor.

#### MOU Signing

Susan will incorporate final comments and work with Vanessa to clarify that the purpose of the plan is to define high priority projects. We will have one week to review the redline document and finalize it. Signatures complete by the end of July.

#### Next Steps- (to occur at July RWMG meeting)

Create subcommittee for Goals and Objectives  
Create subcommittee for project ranking.

Public workshops will be held the week of August 31<sup>st</sup>.



Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM.