

Greater Monterey County IRWMP

07-15-09 Regional Water Management Group Meeting Minutes

Participants: Donna Meyers, Bridget Hoover, Susan Robinson, Sierra Perry, Kevin O'Connor, Ken Ekelund, Butch Kronlund, Gary Shallcross, Chris (Attorney for Salinas), Brad Hageman, Paul Robins, Gary Rogers, Bill Philips, Eric Tynan

RAP Interview: Donna provided an overview of the RAP interview, which was held in Fresno on July 7 and was attended by Donna, Bridget, Bill, and Paul. The interview appears to have gone very well. DWR seemed pleased with the expanded regional boundary (vs. the former Salinas Valley IRWM region) and with the make-up of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), and seemed especially impressed that representation for disadvantaged communities is included as part of the RWMG.

Issues and Conflicts Summary: Sierra presented, on behalf of the Issues and Conflicts Subcommittee, a summary of issues and conflicts that are considered significant for the Greater Monterey County region. This list was compiled based on interviews with regional "experts" in the various water resource fields. After discussion, the RWMG approved the list with only minor changes. This list of issues and conflicts will now be presented to stakeholders at the upcoming public workshops (scheduled for September 2009) for their input. The Issues and Conflicts Subcommittee consists of Sierra, Bridget, Gary Shallcross, Elizabeth, Dana, and Amy.

Project Committees: Susan explained that committees will be formed to review and develop projects for possible inclusion in the IRWMP. There will most likely be four committees (Water Supply, Water Quality, Flood Management, and Environmental Protection), composed of regional experts in each of those fields. Each committee will also include at least one RWMG member. Susan also explained that the role of the Project Committees is not only to review and develop projects, but conceivably to suggest (and help develop) new projects in order to address regional issues that have not yet been addressed (i.e., the Project Committees are intended to be *proactive*, to help ensure that the projects include in the plan address the region's issues). The RWMG members recommended individuals they thought would be appropriate to invite to participate on the various Project Committees. A preliminary list of "experts" was created. This list will be further evaluated and expanded at the next RWMG meeting.

MOU and Bylaws: Susan asked if anyone had any questions about the MOU or Bylaws (no one did). Comments/concerns are due to Susan by Friday; Susan also needs contact information for each RWMG representative for the Bylaws.

Goals and Objectives: A Goals and Objectives Subcommittee was created. This subcommittee will begin the process of creating goals and objectives for the IRWMP, based on the region's issues and conflicts. The subcommittee consists of: Ken, Ross, Gary Rogers, Eric, Paul, Dawn, and Rob.

Next meeting August 19th, at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM.