

Greater Monterey County IRWMP

8-19-09 RWMG meeting minutes

Participants:

Amy Vanderwarker, Bill Phillips, Bridget Hoover, Denise Estrada, Donna Meyers, Jim Smith, Ken Ekelund, Kevin O'Connor, Paul Robins, Ross Clark, Susan Robinson, Brad Hageman, Dawn Mathis, Elizabeth Krafft, Michelle Dooley, Horacio Amezcuita, Gary Rogers.

Bylaws/MOU (Susan)– it was decided that the bylaws will be voted on at the October meeting after all RWMG organizations have signed the MOU. The signed MOUs are due to Donna Meyers by the end of September. (See email from Susan Robinson dtd 8/13/09 for more details about getting the MOU signed.)

List of experts (All) – we all decided a two step process made sense. First we came up with a list of experts for each category. In the future we'll need to filter that list to about 5-8 experts per category. We did not define what "expert" means (see attached list).

- It was mentioned that we'll need an Ag representative on each sub-committee
- We may need to search out additional experts in the future based on project proposals.
- We tabled developing a list of experts for climate change and DACs until later after we get more direction from DWR as to what those requirements will be.
- Discussion about where experts for drinking water quality should go? They were placed under water supply but later in the G&O discussion it was decided that they should be put in the water quality sub-committee.

Workshop #1 – (Paul)

- Big Sur meeting on 9/14 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the fire station. Location TBD in Soledad by Friday. Likely date will be 9/16 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Amy will help find a location. Bill suggested the library.
- The outreach strategy is complete. BSLT or MCRCD will send announcements to the media. All will use their own listservs to spread word.
- The first workshop will present the concept of IRWMP – what it is and what it isn't. We'll present the draft Issues and Conflicts then break out into smaller groups based on geographic regions to hear from the community about their I&C. Also present the plan development timeline.
- Everyone is to let Donna and/or Paul know how you can help. Which meeting will you attend and availability for registration, breakout groups, etc.?

Ranking Project Sub-committee (All)

This group is charged with developing the rules and system for ranking projects. The lucking folks on this committee include Jim Smith, Kevin O'Connor, Elizabeth Krafft, Bridget Hoover, Dawn Mathis, Horacio Amezcuita, Donna Meyers and Ross Clark.

Goals and Objectives Sub-committee report (Ken and Dawn)

This group communicated mostly by email with one meeting on August 18th. Ken initiated the G&Os from the Salinas Groundwater Basin Plan. They then included climate change and DAC. All comments were incorporated into the G&O document which will be sent to the RWMG by Dawn Mathis for comment.

- Define G&O: Goal – more overarching, Objective – more specific. Objectives are the strategy to achieve the goals (thank you Amy!)
- Began to run out of time. Stopped at objectives under Environmental Protection.
- Everyone is to review the G&O's and provide comments to Ken by 8/26/09.

Next meeting date was changed to Sept. 1:30-3:30. Let us know if you'd like to host it.
Meeting adjourned 3:15 PM.