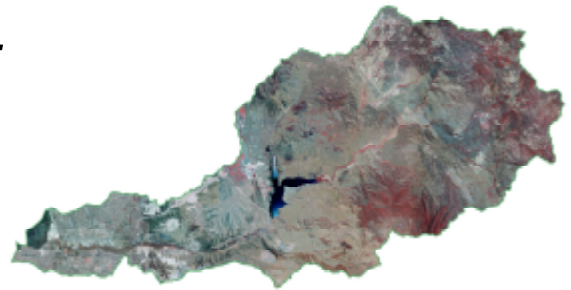


HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE OTAY RIVER VALLEY WATERSHED



Please join Chairman Greg Cox and the County of San Diego at a public meeting to discuss the future of the Otay River Valley Watershed. For decades, the Otay River Valley has too often been used and abused as a dumping ground and site for other illicit activity. We need your help to plan for a better future for the Otay River Watershed!

**RESCHEDULED
FROM JULY 17TH**

**Public Meeting to Plan for the Future
of the Otay River Valley Watershed
Wednesday, August 13, 2003 7 – 8 pm**
John Lippit Public Works Center
1800 Maxwell Road
Chula Vista, CA 91911

State grant money has given the County an opportunity to launch a comprehensive planning effort through a **Watershed Management Plan** for the entire area that drains into the Otay River called its watershed. This effort will involve other related activities and projects, including a **Special Area Management Plan**. Together, the plans will ensure that the water quality, plants, animals, habitat and the natural beauty of Otay River Valley Watershed endure for generations to come. But we can't do it without your help!

WHAT IS A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP)?

The Otay River Watershed Management Plan will work to prevent water pollution with specific strategies to protect natural resources and existing activities that are beneficial to the public, such as the Otay River Valley Regional Park. Public participation is needed to define community objectives for the watershed. This project is a joint effort of the County of San Diego, the San Diego Unified Port District and the Cities of Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. Tell us what you see in the future for the Otay River Valley!

WHAT IS A SPECIAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN (SAMP)?

The Special Area Management Plan will identify existing conditions of the watershed related to water quality and wetlands. The plan provides tools for natural resource protection along with reasonable economic growth. The Army Corps of Engineers, the County of San Diego and the Cities of Chula Vista and Imperial Beach are working cooperatively to develop the Special Area Management Plan. Tell us why the Otay River Valley Watershed matters to South San Diego County!

For more information, please contact Mr. Tracy Cline at (858) 495-5513 or tracy.cline@sdcounty.ca.gov or visit the Otay River Watershed web page at http://www.projectcleanwater.org/html/ws_otay.html.



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