

Watershed Stewardship Initiative Group (WSIG) Minutes
November 18, 2005
Metropolitan Biosolids Center

In attendance: Craig Adams (San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy), Chuck Badger (SD County Farm Bureau), Cathy Cibit (City of San Diego), Bob Collins, (City of San Diego), Bruce Ferguson (Weston Solutions), Garret Williams (Weston Solutions); Tedi Jackson (City of San Diego), Lisa Kay (Weston Solutions), Chuck DeMund (Ramona Chamber of Commerce), Robert McCullough (City of San Diego), Jeff Pasek (City of San Diego), Bruce Posthumus (Regional Water Quality Control Board), Phil Pryde (River Park JPA), Linda Niles (City of Del Mar), Freda Reid (San Dieguito Lagoon Committee), Rikki Schroeder (BIA), Bruce Posthumus (Regional Water Quality Control Board), Mark Tucker (Wildlands, Inc.), Mark Whitehead (WPGG Chairman), Jacqueline Winterer (Friends of San Dieguito River Park), Matt Witman (San Pasqual Valley Planning), Maeve Hanley (County of San Diego), Zachary Principe (The Nature Conservancy), Dexter Dexter Wilson (Dexter Wilson Engineering), Christine Brochard (County of San Diego), Paul Davy (County Dept. of Agriculture), David White (DC White and Associates), Randy Rodriguez (City of San Diego), & Karen Bucey (TRS Consultants).

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Bob Collins. (Chairman Mark Whitehead was absent).

A) Introductions

As there were several new people in attendance, everyone introduced themselves.

B) Announcements

The October meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Tedi Jackson showed the 4 minute watershed video being used by the City of San Diego for public awareness purposes; she and Bob Collins also discussed the watershed signage efforts and the current status.

C) Workshop Framework

Cathy and Bruce discussed the results of the October Workshop and how this workshop was to proceed. Discussed the maps and other information around the room and on the tables (examples of watershed plans) to assist with the facilitation of the discussion of Land Use and Agriculture. Also presented was typical examples of action items and action verbs to stimulate the group's thoughts. The group broke out into 3 smaller groups with a facilitator who charted the action plans on large flip charts.

D) Summary of Action Plans

The 3 groups charted their action items and then during the break everyone looked at the results. Bruce then consolidated redundant action items and facilitated this discussion. Then everyone was given 7 check marks or "votes" to place on 7 action items of their choice. A brief discussion followed. The results are attached.

E) December Workshop

During the next workshop it was agreed to summarize the results of the November workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Attachment: Summary of Action Item Sheets

LAND USE & AGRICULTURE (November 18, 2005)

Group 1 Zack Prinipe, Garret Williams, Bob Collins, Rikki Schroeder, Randy Rodriquez,		
Action	<u>Upper, Middle, Lower,</u> <u>All Watershed Areas</u>	Priority (Number of Check Marks)
Implement BMP's for agriculture and commercial and residential	A	6
Develop comp guidelines for a watershed for animal husbandry	U, M	2
Encourage development of LU plans that encourage the use of a compact development footprint	M	13
Develop functionality based buffer area for wetlands/creeks (watershed)	A	14
Develop land use category (%) goals	A	3
Devise a strategy for increasing the previous cover in the watershed	A, L	1
Set up a procedure for maintenance of stream bed	A	2

**Group 2 – Facilitator Jacqueline Winterer
Eric Larson, Linda Niles, David White, Chuck DeMund, Phil Pryde, Bruce Posthumus,
Mark Tucker**

Action	<u>Upper, Middle, Lower,</u> <u>All Watershed Areas</u>	Priority (Number of Check Marks)
What is there now? Inventory of land use (database) - Dedicated open space - Especially agriculture (irrigation issues)	A	8
Sustain agriculture and encourage agriculture	L, M	3
Establish permanent agriculture preserves - Need of regulatory agency - Coordinate preserves - Incentives - Easement	L, M	3
Prioritize key agriculture and open space parcels for preservation	L, M	1
Tax breaks/incentives for preservation		6
Pay farmer or other use for development rights (PDR)	L, M	3
Respect flood plains - Enforce zoning	L, M	9
Bring reclaimed waters to water tables	A	4
Encourage water use on farms	L, M	1
Change landscape requirements to preferably native species - Drought tolerant - Non invasive	A	5
Change irrigation standards for development projects	A	6
Tiered water prices	A	2
Promote green development and improvements	A	5
Low impact development	A	1
Regional coordination of land use between jurisdictions	A	8

Group 3 Cathy Cibit, Bob McCullough, Craig Adams, Maeve Hanley, Christine Brouhard, Karen Bucey, Freda Reid, Chuck Badger		
Action	<u>Upper, Middle, Lower,</u> <u>All Watershed Areas</u>	Priority (Number of Check Marks)
Encourage organic farming via public awareness (education) - Weeds – visual - Odors	A	
Incentives for organic forming - Leases - More organic farming	A	2
Identify “container farms” - Need regulations (BMP’s) - Monitor erosion; pesticide use	A	5
Provide buffers between agricultural and other land uses	A	2
Education program - Signage – organic farms - Maps	A	1
Evaluate regulations affecting agricultural ponds	A	
Evaluate use of fertilizers and pesticides on golf courses, especially “older” golf courses	A	
Implement more water quality monitoring; partner “stream teams”	A	7
Support growth management plans (GP 2020)	A	2
Study cumulative impact of septic tank usage and convert these systems to a better system	A	1
Incorporate City of San Diego’s SWPG’s into development process procedures	A	1
Design communities for fire management protection, which would also benefit water quality and supply	A	
Support MSCP and equivalent programs	A	
Lobby for Farm Bill Legislation for pollution and other water quality controls programs	A	1
Need a program in riparian areas to help farmers protect habitats - Grazing methods	A	
Need special programs for managed grazing on public lands for the protection of habitats (riparian, etc.)	A	

Action	<u>Upper, Middle, Lower,</u> <u>All Watershed Areas</u>	Priority
Seek opportunities for weed and fire management using grazing; both public and private		
Assess impacts on dairies, horses (fairgrounds, zoo) - BMP's - State-of-the art technology	A	
Seek and support grant opportunities for use of recycled water for agricultural use and for infrastructure improvements	A	7
Increase social awareness – organic farming	A	
Infrastructure connections - Treatment plants; distribution lines	A	
Assess the viability of recycled water for agricultural uses (i.e., package treatment plants)	A	
Evaluate the use of No. City treated water in San Pasqual	M	