

SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED WORKGROUP MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 14, 2003

I. Introductions

Thirteen (13) stakeholders attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Liz Giffen, County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use and Rob Hutsel, Interim Co-Chair, San Diego River Park Foundation.

II. Vote to Appoint Rob Hutsel as Watershed Workgroup Co-Chair

Rob Hutsel has been serving as Interim Co-Chair since Neal Biggart submitted her resignation. The Watershed Workgroup voted unanimously to appoint Rob Hutsel as Co-Chair.

III. Watershed Management Plan Work Product Schedule

The Watershed Workgroup reviewed the Work Product Schedule to assess the completed contract deliverables and due dates for future deliverables.

IV. Status of RFP Process for Consultant Services

The Source Selection Committee completed its final review of proposals from consultants to assist with the preparation of the Watershed Management Plan. After careful consideration, the Source Selection Committee recommended that the County award the contract to Anchor Environmental. The County's Department of Purchasing and Contracting issued a "Notice of Intent to Award" on February 13, 2003. The Notice of Intent will be posted for five working days from February 14 – February 21, 2003. Subject to successful negotiations, the contract should be awarded by February 24, 2003. It is anticipated that the consultant will be introduced to the Watershed Workgroup at the next meeting on April 11, 2003. The first task for the consultant is to assist the Watershed Workgroup with Contract Subtask 7.1, List of Existing Data and Information Collected.

V. Contract Subtask 7.1, List of Existing Data and Information Collected

The Watershed Workgroup reviewed the preliminary list that had been updated with recommendations from the Data and Information Collection meeting held on January 23, 2003. Meeting participants offered further recommendations for improving the list.

VI. Updates on the San Diego River Conservancy and San Diego River Park Master Plan, Rob Hutsel

Rob Hutsel updated the group on the development of the San Diego River Conservancy. The San Diego River Conservancy is one of eight State Conservancies in California. The Conservancy's board is currently being formed, and will include a total of seven board members. Three seats will be filled by the City of San Diego, and include Mayor Murphy and City Councilmembers Donna Frye and Toni Atkins. Governor Davis has reserved three seats, which will be announced soon. Jack Minan, Chairman of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, will also serve on the board as a non-voting member.

Rob announced that several projects are underway as part of the San Diego River Coalition's Project Committee. One important project is to place San Diego River signs at all of the river crossings. Rob brought a sample sign that has been approved by the San Diego River Park Alliance, which includes City of San Diego, City of Santee and County of San Diego. The signs will include the jurisdictions' seal and will have a brown background with white writing. The placement of educational kiosks at trolley stations is another important project that will hopefully be completed within the next year. The kiosks will display information about the San Diego River Park, and will provide continuity along the river.

VII. Outreach to Local Universities and Community Colleges, Tueré Farley

Tueré Farley is an intern for the County's Department of Planning and Land Use, Watershed Planning Program. Tueré has started an academic outreach effort for the Watershed Workgroup to attract students who are interested in watershed planning and related issues. Tueré handed out a preliminary list of universities and colleges in the area that have environmental/planning programs. Workgroup participants offered additional contacts, and approved a flyer to be used for publicizing.

**The next Watershed Workgroup meeting is Friday, April 11th 1:00 - 3:00pm,
City of Santee, 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Conference Room, Building 8**

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