

SAN DIEGO RIVER WATERSHED WORKGROUP MEETING SUMMARY

Data and Information Collection Meeting

Meeting Date: January 23, 2003

I. Introductions

Approximately 30 stakeholders attended the meeting.

II. Watershed Mapping Project, Dr. Richard Wright, SDSU Geography Department

Dr. Richard Wright, Dr. Piotr Jankowski and Mr. Harry Johnson presented preliminary GIS maps using San Diego Stream Team data to show how GIS and citizen monitoring can be integrated. An Internet Map Server (IMS) can be used for public access on websites. The presenters handed out a short paper, *Data Integration for the San Diego River GIS Database*, and a CD containing GIS maps and data sets. Dr. Jankowski has experience working with GIS and citizen monitoring groups. He mentioned that the ESRI website offers free software, data and resources <http://www.esri.com/company/free.html>. Grants for GIS software are also available through ESRI for grassroots organizations. Dr. Jankowski can be reached at piotr@typhoon.sdsu.edu.

III. Project Clean Water has a new action item to promote the development of a centralized database for citizen monitoring data, Christian Braun

The County of San Diego and Project Clean Water are developing a database for the internet to house data gathered by citizen monitoring groups in the County. The goal of the project is to provide one place where interested parties can go to obtain information on this type of water quality monitoring. If citizen monitoring groups would rather house their own data, the website will provide a link to the data. Project Clean Water is now requesting information from groups on the types of water quality testing being performed, the methods being used, frequency of testing and current data management practices. The database should be ready by September 2003. Christian Braun can be reached at christian.braun@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Meeting participants expressed an interest in attending water quality training workshops. A few groups already have monitoring in place, but would like more training on equipment calibration and developing Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP). The San Diego Stream Team can assist with bioassessment training, as a similar workshop was offered in January for the Santa Margarita River Watershed. Heal the Bay of Santa Monica and CCAMP also offer strong training programs.

IV. Review Preliminary List of Existing Data and Information Collected for Subtask 7.1 of the Prop 13 Contract

The Watershed Workgroup reviewed the preliminary list for sources of receiving water quality, watershed sources of pollutants/stressors, watershed protection/preservation efforts and special studies and projects. Meeting participants offered suggestions on how to expand the list. Development of the list will be an ongoing effort to meet the June 15, 2003 due date. A consultant will assist the Watershed Workgroup with this task, once the RFP process is completed.

The next Watershed Workgroup meeting is Friday, February 14th 1:00 - 3:00pm, City of Santee, 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Conference Room, Building 8

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