

## **San Luis Rey Watershed Council**

### ***Meeting Minutes***

**July 26, 2004**

City of Oceanside, Council Chambers

300 N. Hill St.

Oceanside, CA 92054

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The draft meeting minutes for April 26, 2004 and June 14, 2004 were distributed via email and post mail prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Scott Murray and seconded by George Wilkins to accept the April 26 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Scott Murray and seconded by Mo Lahsaie to accept the meeting minutes with the following change: Under reports and announcements, second paragraph, first sentence add "Municipal MS4: ... the Regional Water Quality Control Board will eventually be designing Municipal MS4 discharge permits on a watershed basis. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ivan Holler, Program Director for The County of San Diego General Plan 2020 (GP2020) provided an update on the GP2020 process. Hearings have been held with the Planning Commission to evaluate specific pieces of land brought up during recent public review and to determine which land use maps to use that were developed during the process. Traffic models were run on eight different land use scenarios that identified where future growth would be located to determine cost of building the road infrastructure. These models were run against the current land use maps at build out to determine cost differences. The cost of constructing the road infrastructure needed to support the current land use at build out, would be \$7 billion. A report in May 2004 identified that a land use distribution map developed in April 2004 would cost \$2.3 billion for road improvements, significantly less than the cost of build out with the current map in use. The other scenarios were at least \$600 million more than the April 2004 scenario map.

After the fires of October 2003, the County reevaluated its goals and focused on ingress/egress and adequate supply of emergency services in its maps. This resulted in a new map that combined aspects of the original eight maps and Board of Supervisor referrals. On June 16, 2004 the Planning Commission directed staff to proceed with two different scenarios: The April 2004 map and the new map mentioned above. The California Environmental Quality Act analysis will be applied to these two scenario maps. There are still three items to address:

1. Three or four special study areas need more refinement
2. There is a need to conduct commercial and industrial lands analysis
3. Build circulation network that balances with the two scenarios.

Work on the Environmental Impact Report has been started, which will determine thresholds of significance. Some work has begun on the regional elements and community plans. It is anticipated that the GP202 process should be completed in about 1.5 years. GP2020 is proposing less development than in the existing plan. It is predicted that the county will have 800,000 to 900,000 more people in the region by

2020. Ivan stated that there is more developmental potential in the April 2004 map than the second scenario map.

GP2020 is not a static document but can be adjusted as time passes. Every five years the plan is thoroughly reviewed and adjustments will be made if needed. The last General Plan was adopted in 1979 and there have been several amendments over the years.

### **Letterhead/Logo for Watershed Council**

The draft letterhead and logo were developed FREE by the graphic artist who designed the brochure. Comments were noted on the draft logo and letterhead distributed at the meeting:

- Looks like a happy egg
- Suggest two colors to save on printing costs
- Show the shape of the watershed
- Sun is too large
- Rays are too blocky
- Show a profile of Palomar Mountain
- Suggestion to use the graphic on the brochure in a black/gray scale

These notes will be shared with the graphic designer to see if he can make the time for adjustments.

### **Questionnaire Results**

The questionnaire answers were recorded in a document with all answers listed under each questions. An issue matrix was developed from answers given under the Major Issues and Conflicts questions. The matrix includes a checkbox for each issue noting which section of the San Luis Rey Watershed (lower, middle or upper) could be or is affected by each particular issue. Watershed Council members and stakeholders were asked to look at the list of issues under each category and rate the three highest ones that are of the most concern to them. This list can then be used to prioritize projects that can address the particular issue.

### **Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement for Watershed Council members**

Copies of three different memorandum of understandings from other US Watershed Councils were distributed, including the Carlsbad Watershed Network. It was suggested that a subcommittee be convened to develop an unique MOU for the San Luis Rey Watershed Council. It was stated that since funding for the Watershed Council has been exhausted that funding should be the first priority. If a funding mechanism includes fees from watershed stakeholders, the fees can be spelled out in a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement.

It was suggested that the next Watershed Council meeting focus on funding opportunities for the Watershed council. One suggestion was to send a letter to Supervisor Horn to inquire of any funding sources he may have available that could partially support the Watershed council. Ruth Harber will draft a letter to be sent out with the meeting minutes prior to the meeting. Then the members will have time to review and be prepared to comment and vote on the letter at the August meeting.

It was brought to the attention of the stakeholders that there is another group that meets regularly to discuss issues of important in the San Luis Rey Watershed. The agency name was not sure to any of the stakeholders but is something like the Santa Margarita/San Luis Rey Joint Powers Authority. Mo Lahsaie will gather more information about this agency to determine if it could be a possible funding source.

It was also suggested that the Watershed Council seek the ability of establishing a Conservancy for the watershed similar to the San Diego River Conservancy. This group has received millions of dollars to support projects within the San Diego River Watershed.

A request was made to discuss a funding range for the Watershed Coordinator position. Cynthia had previously presented a spreadsheet that listed the funding needs and administrative costs for a full-time watershed coordinator position that included health insurance costs and overhead. This will be brought to the next Watershed council meeting for discussion.

## **UPDATES, REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Farm and Ranch Waste Abatement Grant Project* - The Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District will be having a kick-off event for the California Integrated Waste Management Board Farm and Ranch Waste Abatement Grant Project Thursday, July 29, 2004 at 10:00 am. The illegal dumping along Lilac Road was brought to the attention of the Watershed Council and a grant was submitted to address the problem. Debris removal will begin the week of August 9, 2004

*Gregory Canyon landfill* – The Board of Supervisors directed their staff to prepare an impact report on the effects of placing the proposed initiative on the ballot. They will address this report at a meeting on August 3, 2004.

Open Trench Mining near Lake Henshaw – It was asked of Vista Irrigation District what activities were being done regarding the open trench mining proposal near Lake Henshaw. Paul Campo stated that he was not sure of any activities. It was stated that permits have been applied for to begin the operation. Again, Paul stated that he had not been following any of the activities regarding the project.

Fire Safety and Fuels Reduction Program for Palomar Mountain – Christine Brochard, County of San Diego stated the County of San Diego was awarded three federal grants totaling over \$39 million to remove dead, weakened and dying trees to reduce the wildfire threat that these trees can create. Trees will be removed along evacuation corridors and around dwellings.

Brush Fire near Lake Henshaw – A brush fire burned 8,800 acres of brush near Lake Henshaw on July 13, 2004. Most of the burned acreage was on Vista Irrigation District land.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2004 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Fallbrook Public Utility District conference room at 990 E. Mission Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028. The main agenda item will be a brainstorming session on securing funding to support the watershed coordinator position, whether part-time or full-time.

The Pala Band of Mission Indians has offered to host the September meeting of the San Luis Rey Watershed Council at their new Pala Administration Building.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

## **MEETING ATTENDEES**

Christine Brochard..... County of San Diego, Multiple Species Conservation plan  
Paul Campo ..... Vista Irrigation District  
Ruth Harber ..... North County Coalition  
Jesse Hutchings ..... Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District  
Sam Kolb..... Rincon Indian Reservation  
Mo Lahsaie..... City of Oceanside  
Carolyn Major ..... Fallbrook Planning Group

Cynthia Mallett..... San Luis Rey Watershed Coordinator  
Jon McPhee ..... EPA, Pala Band of Mission Indians  
Scott Murray..... Mission Resource Conservation District  
Paul O’Neal..... Senator Morrow’s Office  
Bill Pankey ..... San Luis Rey Municipal Water District  
Vic Pankey ..... San Luis Rey Municipal Water District  
Sam Powvall..... La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians  
Rob Roy ..... La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians  
Don Smith ..... Vista Irrigation District  
Sandra Stoneburner..... Los Coyotes Band of Indians  
Nancy Syzonenko ..... San Diego County Department of Ag, Weights and Measures  
Karen Tucker..... Fallbrook Land Conservancy  
Wallace Tucker..... Fallbrook Land Conservancy  
Joyce Ward..... RiverWatch  
Oggie Watson..... Pauma Valley Community Services District  
George Wilkins..... La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians