

**SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: 9/25/2006**

- **Call to Order:** 1:05pm by Cynthia Mallett.

- **List of Attendees present on 9/25/06:**

Heidi Brow	Pala Band of Mission Indians, EPA
Anne Burdick	Mission Resource Conservation District
Paul Campo	Vista Irrigation District
Jack Griffiths	Rainbow Municipal Water District
Cynthia Mallett	Bonsall Community Sponsor Group [Planning]
Cecilia Padres	County of San Diego, Dept. Planning/Land Use
Vic Pankey	San Luis Rey Municipal Water District
Lynn Schwaebe	City of Oceanside
Vic Smothers	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Sandra Stoneburner	Los Coyotes Band of Indians
George Wilkins	Pacific REMS

- **Approval of Minutes:**

--The minutes of August 28th, 2006 were approved with a small change to Ruth Harber's "Attendee's News"—correction: "a previous bill (not the SB 1835) to protect the religious aspects of the Gregory Mountain and canyon was previously vetoed by Grey Davis." The motion was put forward by Jack Griffiths, seconded by Cynthia Mallett.

- **Guest Speaker: Cecilia Padres, County of SD Dept. of Planning/Land Use --- Presentation on 'San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management Plan':**

**Cecilia handed out an outline of the presentation & a form for planned water projects*

Groups Writing This Plan:

- County of San Diego
- City of San Diego
- San Diego County Water Authority

Purpose of the INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

- the goal is to develop a plan, which can be used by the entire region (& it's stakeholders), in order to address water quality/quantity issues on a holistic basis (look at groundwater, surface water, storm water, beach issues simultaneously, in order to better solve water problems).
- this plan will be in place until at least 2030, and will be revised periodically.
- the hope is to bring together many groups in order to solve water issues more effectively, and develop a long-term planning framework

11 Regional Objectives/Goals:

1. Develop & maintain a diverse mix of water resources
2. Construct/operate/maintain a reliable water infrastructure system
3. Minimize negative effects on waterways due to hydromodification & flooding
4. Support attainment of beneficial uses of the Region's waters
5. Effectively manage sources of pollutants & stressors
6. Restore & maintain habitat & open space
7. Promote economic/social/environmental sustainability
8. Optimize recreational opportunities
9. Maximize stakeholder/community involvement & stewardship
10. Promote integrated/regional approaches to regulatory compliance
11. Effectively obtain/maintain/assess water resource data & information

Timeline for the INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

- 1st draft of plan will be out in February 2007
 - all stakeholders should review plan/make comments & add more 'Implementation Project Solicitation Form' (the more planned/potential water projects you can include in the plan, the better your chance for future funding for these projects—for certain grants)
 - letters of support & resolutions promoting the approval of this plan should be turned in at this time—by March 2007.
- the Plan will be adopted by Spring 2007 & implementation will begin
- JPA (joint powers authority) or MOU (memorandum of understanding) will follow, and a board made up of 1 person per each San Diego Watershed will be put together.

Funding Sources available after the plan is complete:

- individual stakeholders will apply to the San Diego Region; the SD Region will use the priority list in the plan in order to choose the best candidates/projects to send to the next round of grant competition at the state level.
- PROP 50 Funding: we will be eligible to apply for this grant in the Fall 2007
- PROP 84 Funding (if it passes): would make 91 million dollars of grant funding available to SD

- **Attendee's News:**

Jack Griffith:

--Mr. Sandrum, who currently sits on the Rainbow Municipal Water District, is leaving; no replacement has been chosen yet.

Paul Campo:

--Vista Irrigation District has repaired a channel conveyance belt that had been previously washed out by heavy rains.

Vic Panky:

-- LAFCO is currently circulating stakeholder's comments regarding the possible activation of the San Luis Rey Municipal Water District's latent powers; an upcoming decision is expected later this year.

Vic Smothers:

--Natural Resource Conservation District is working on a Stormwater Quality Control Program for Thoroughbred Equestrian Facilities. They have already developed a Stormwater Quality Control Program for Nurseries, and may be looking to develop a similar program for Agriculture in the area.
--Vic needs to know the types of grasses around Lake Henshaw area; Paul Campo suggesting contacting Don Smith for more information.

George Wilkins:

--George just returned from doing annual maintenance on the Sacramento County Flood Warning System (has 48 rain/stream gages & is on the ALERT system). The Sacramento region has many water issues; the County, State, US Geological Service, National Weather Service & the Bureau of Reclamation are all working together on the counties' water issues.

Sandra Stoneburner:

--Los Coyotes Band of Indians is doing some road repairs on the entrance to the Reservation.

Cynthia Mallett:

--Cynthia announced that the San Luis Rey River Park is still in the planning stages, however they still need more funding sources.
--There is illegal dumping along Pala Temecula Road—a clean up project for this area was just funded.

- **Grant Opportunities**

Targeted Watershed Grants—EPA [capacity building]: due October 15th

--this grant would assist in building capacity of watershed group by funding agencies to train watershed organizations (it would not necessarily be used to train the watershed council).
--this grant is on a national level, therefore would be VERY, VERY competitive
--could develop a LID (low impact development) Training for land use development (ie California NEMO could provide LID training to the council & other stakeholders). This could also include an equine training program, by MRCD or NRCD (fact: per capita, there are more horses in San Diego County than in any other county in the US).

Project-Implementation Grant: due November 15th

--to submit a proposal for this grant, you must be nominated by the Governor or a Tribal Leader

California Department of Fish & Game -- Grant: due April or May

--Holly Sheridan (with Fish & Game) wants to do a site visit (maybe Nov. 8th or 9th) along the San Luis Rey River, to investigate the possibility of introducing Steelhead to the river & tributary creeks in order to spawn. This project would be funding by a Restoration Grant from Fish & Game

- **Meetings/Events—update**

--the SLR Watershed Council agreed to cancel the 12/25/06 Watershed Meeting

--Upcoming Workshop: Project Power: Becoming Advocates for San Diego County Wetlands

--overview of SD county's water history, wetlands ecology, water law

--workshop was to be held 10/7/06, but was postponed until further notice

- **New Watershed Facilitator in 2007 (?)**

--Cynthia may not be able to facilitate the SLR Watershed Meetings in 2007

--suggestion: send an email to all SLR Watershed Council voting members, asking for coordinators (possible names put on the table: Cecilia Padres, George Wilkins, Jack Griffiths, Rob Roy, Jesse Hutchings, Oggie Watson).

--suggestion: follow Carlsbad Watershed Council example, where members take turns facilitating watershed meetings.

--Cynthia can still do the agenda, and any necessary emails.

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- **NEXT MEETING---October 23, 2006 at 1pm**