



project clean water

Comprehensive Planning Technical Advisory Committee

The Project Clean Water Comprehensive Planning Technical Advisory Committee began meeting in November 2000. Since that time, the TAC has provided direction and oversight on water quality-related planning issues throughout San Diego County. During the first phase of Project Clean Water (ending in July 2001), the TAC compiled a baseline inventory and initial assessment of priority planning issues. Based on this initial work, the TAC also developed a list of action items to implement during future phases of Project Clean Water.

The TAC continues to meet monthly to work toward the implementation of identified action items and to further characterize and address priority issues and concerns. During the First Annual Clean Water Summit the TAC will review and update as appropriate the action items listed below:

- 1. Complete a more detailed assessment of priority planning issues in January 2002.**
- 2. Complete a model watershed program guidance.**
- 3. Support and participate in ongoing and future watershed management planning efforts.**
- 4. Provide general guidance on planning issues.**
- 5. Support and integrate local planning efforts.**
- 6. Encourage technical experts to work together on priority issues.**

Comprehensive Planning Technical Advisory Committee Action Item Progress Report

Action Item 1: Complete a more detailed assessment of priority planning issues in January 2002.

The January 31, 2002 Focused Assessment reorganized existing action items and identified additional priorities for the TAC. The Focused Assessment serves two primary purposes. First, it provides a more structured framework within which existing and new action items can be evaluated and pursued. This framework addresses the following four priorities:

- Identify gaps and overlaps in regional planning efforts,
- Promote the integration and coordination of individual watershed planning efforts with concurrent regional efforts,
- Identify and characterize linkages of watershed planning efforts to other types of planning, and
- Provide regional guidance to facilitate the achievement of water quality goals for local and watershed-based planning efforts.

Second, the Focused Assessment articulates other priorities of the TAC not initially identified in the first phase of Project Clean Water. Pursuant to this action item, the TAC has initiated a project to draft a white paper outlining how to integrate general planning issues and watershed planning concepts. The air quality planning section of the white paper has been drafted and is under review. For future meetings, the TAC will solicit speakers in each of the remaining priority planning areas to further explore relationships between their respective topic areas and watershed planning. These discussions will be utilized as an additional source of information for the white paper.

Action Item 2: Complete a model watershed program guidance.

In January 2002, the TAC established a Watershed Urban Runoff Management Program (WURMP) Workgroup to produce a guidance document which will serve as a template for developing and implementing individual WURMPs throughout the region. While this guidance is primarily intended to assist Copermitees in maintaining compliance with their Municipal Stormwater Permit obligations, it will also help to maintain regional consistency between watershed planning efforts throughout the County. Under the co-leadership of the San Diego Unified Port District and the City of San Diego, completion is scheduled for July 2003.

Action Item 3: Support and participate in ongoing and future watershed management planning efforts.

In January 2002, the Comprehensive Planning TAC established a Watershed Coordination Technical Workgroup to provide a forum for participants active in watershed planning efforts to share their successes and failures. The Workgroup provides a forum for fostering watershed planning efforts that are mutually supportive and complimentary, as well as to further the development of Watershed Management Plans in each of the 11 major watersheds in the region. This Workgroup also continues to provide input as needed to the Watershed URMP Technical Workgroup.

Action Item 4: Provide general guidance on planning issues.

Providing guidance on planning issues to Project Clean Water is an ongoing function of the Comprehensive Planning TAC. Over the past year, the TAC has addressed this mandate by continuing to explore each of the assigned action items and identifying and exploring other priority issues and tasks that expand and redefine its work.

Action Item 5: Support and integrate local planning efforts.

Like other complex endeavors, water quality management cannot be successful without an effective planning component. The Comprehensive Planning TAC provides a forum for general discussion of the major planning efforts that play a role in protecting and enhancing the quality of our local water resources. Because of the great diversity of existing planning types, the TAC created an inventory of planning programs and activities applicable regionally, jurisdictionally, or on a watershed basis. Upon completion of this inventory, an initial assessment was conducted to determine whether changes are necessary to more effectively address water quality issues and concerns. Based on these conclusions, specific Action Items were developed and are currently being pursued. The TAC is also currently drafting a white paper to identify and characterize the linkages between various planning types and watershed planning.

Action Item 6: Encourage technical experts to work together on priority issues.

Since it began meeting in November 2000, the TAC has provided an ongoing forum for planners and other interested parties to identify and explore common issues and concerns. As appropriate to the particular issues under consideration, the participation of experts in various planning disciplines has been solicited and utilized. The TAC will continue to encourage this dialogue and to identify and involve others with relevant expertise as necessary to address action items and complete work products.