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Education and Resource Development TAC
Thursday, April 15, 2004
San Diego County Water Authority Office
4677 Overland Drive
San Diego, CA 92123
Library Conference Room
10 am – Noon

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Trish Boaz	County of San Diego DPLU MSCP
Dan Carney	City of San Diego Water Department
Michele Cherry	City of San Diego Water Department
Marsha Cook	County of San Diego DPW Watershed Protection
Paul Davy	County of San Diego Agriculture , Weights and Measures
Ivan Golakoff	San Diego County Water Authority
Betsy Leonard	Private Contractor
Adrienne Marriott	CREEC – San Diego
Robin Miller	City of Poway
Margarita Mogollón	County of San Diego DPW Watershed Protection
Rita Spiegel	Solana Center
Michele Stress	County of San Diego DPW Watershed Protection

- I. The Third Annual Clean Water Summit is July 15, 2004. The keynote speaker is the Secretary of the California EPA, Terry Tamminen. The Summit will be held at the University of San Diego's new building, Joan Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice.
- II. Marsha Cook, Chairperson for the Copermittees Outreach Technical Workgroup, gave an update on the workgroup's activities. Marsha displayed the SanGIS watershed map that each copermittees purchased with remaining FY 03-04 funds. The FY 04-05 budget funds will be used to develop media pieces on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and will include a watershed message.
- III. Michele Stress summarized the evolving direction of Project Clean Water towards an issue-based forum. A handout on the Watershed Protection TAC was distributed to participants. The focus and interaction of the three Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) with the newly formed Policy Advisory

Committee (PAC) was discussed. Chairperson, Merle Okino O'Neal, has agreed to represent the EdTAC at biannual PAC meetings. Educational recommendations to bring to the PAC were discussed. Two recommendations are:

1. Encourage the integration of State-level environmental messages from offices such as the Water Resources Control Board, the Integrated Waste Management Board, and the California EPA.
 2. Encourage a focused, state-led effort towards the development and implementation of water-based environmental education curriculum in public schools.
- IV. In line with Project Clean Water enhancements, participants received a handout outlining the new look of the web page. Ed-TAC members gave input on items and links for the Education page.
- V. Attendees discussed the need to suggest action and direction regarding legislative issues pertaining to environmental education. Under Project Clean Water, the Legislative TAC (LegTAC) is the body that takes recommendations on a broad range of environmental issues and directives to the PAC. Rita Spiegel agreed to be the co-chairperson to represent the EdTAC at LegTAC meetings. Legislation discussed included AB2690 regarding volunteer work, and AB1548 regarding statewide curriculum on environmental education.
- VI. Roundtable forum:

Solana Center created a Master Composter book for the City of San Diego. They are sharing a booth with County Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Programs at Earth Day in Balboa Park on April 24th. They are conducting a survey focused on evaluating outreach methodologies. They are doing surveys on waste oil recycling.

The County of San Diego MSCP Program Annual Report will be presented on May 25, 2004 at 6:30 pm at the San Diego Zoo Otto Center.

The San Diego County Water Authority is collaborating on a grant proposal with the Agua Hedionda Nature Center to provide an inter-active touch-screen system for the proposed Carlsbad Watershed Model/Exhibit and is waiting to hear on two other grant proposals. Projects now funded include: exhibit expansion at the Ruben H Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park; and, installation of Social Studies curriculum in all 3rd & 4th grade classes based on the history of water.

CREEC is sponsoring a training day for environmental education professionals on May 19th. The topic is "How to Engage Diverse Audiences." For more information, contact Adrienne Marriott. CREEC is also providing assistance to give a local focus to this year's National JASON Project on "Disappearing Wetlands".

Betsy spoke about the AEOE (Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education) conference that will be held in Malibu April 30-May 2. She suggested looking up AEOE on the Internet for more information. AEOE has partnered with the Golden State Environmental Education Consortium (GSEEC) to develop a Diversity Strand at the Conference. A new strategy will be employed using a Diversity Passport. Betsy also spoke briefly about AB1548, one of the most significant pieces of environmental education legislation passed by the California legislature in a very long time. In addition to forming Technical Working Groups to establish EE principles and guidelines, Environmental Ambassadors are being appointed statewide for those schools that applied. The closest school that applied is in Imperial County.

City of San Diego Water Department is developing a 'Fire-wise Landscaping for Residents' handbook to be distributed throughout the Metropolitan Water District. Contact Dan Carney to pre-order copies to distribute in your area. The City has contributed to the establishment of San Diego Urban Farms in Mission Valley to serve as a model and educational facility for urban farming and to produce fresh foods for charitable services. The City will also host California Heritage Day/Exposition in 2015, which will be similar to a 'World Fair' to showcase the unique history of our region and explore new ideas and technology for the future of our society.

The City of Poway now has a watershed model for educational events. Robin has created a Watershed Awareness/Storm Water Compliance slideshow presentation for commercial businesses. Any business in violation must view the presentation. She is developing another slideshow presentation for High Schools.

The County of San Diego (County) Watershed Protection Program is redeveloping inspection guidelines and inspection materials and is wrapping up their recovery efforts in the Firestorm areas. Marsha Cook is speaking to the Independent Pool & Spa Association and attending the East County Chambers of Commerce Mixer on May 18th. The County Recycling Program is sponsoring composting workshops through the County Libraries.

Coast Wide Snapshot Day is Saturday, May 1, 9 am to 2 pm. The San Diego Citizen Watershed Monitoring Consortium, of which San Diego Baykeeper is the lead agency, will assist citizen volunteers in sampling water bodies throughout San Diego County and Northern Baja California. Contact Margarita Mogollon for more information.

Paul Davy, County Agriculture, Weights and Measures, summarized the history of the Manure Management Committee. This committee is now focusing on horses and welcomes literature links and pictures regarding horse management. The Agricultural Crop Protection Council has a pesticide recycling and disposal program. Paul also sends out an informal newsletter to agricultural businesses.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Set your calendars for June 10, 2004 at 10 am. Location t.b.a. To host a meeting, contact Margarita Mogollón at (858) 694-2557.

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