

MEETING MINUTES

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

July 22, 2010

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Wyatt Troxel, Acting Convener
Garry Brown
Bill Campbell
Josie Gonzales
Beth Krom
Steve PonTell
Ali Sahabi

SAWPA
Orange County Coastkeeper
County of Orange, Supervisor
San Bernardino County, Supervisor
City of Irvine
Santa Ana Regional Water Board
SE Corporation

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan Rodrigo
Michael Delgado
Jerry Richards
Eric Tolles
Robert Ennis
Mark Tettemer
Bob Page
LeAnne Hamilton
Salvador Lopez
Celeste Cantú
Mark Norton
Jeff Beehler
Patti Bonawitz

Camp Dresser & McKee
County of San Bernardino/CAO
Townsend Public Affairs
City of Irvine
Orange County Water District
Irvine Ranch Water District
County of San Bernardino
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Consultant
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The Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:21 p.m. by Acting Convener Wyatt Troxel at the Green River Golf Course located at 5215 Green River Road, Corona, CA, 92880. A quorum was present; however, Steering Committee members Marion Ashley, Ron Sullivan, Ali Sahabi, Pat Morris, and Ron Loveridge were noted as absent. There were no public comments received. At the request of Committee Member Bill Campbell, introductions were made by all in attendance (see list above).

To expedite the meeting agenda, Convener Troxel commented that staff presented Agenda Item 6 (Grant Opportunities - Informational Report) earlier to those members present, while the committee was waiting for a quorum to convene.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Josie Gonzales, seconded by Garry Brown, the motion unanimously carried:

SC/10-07-01

MOVED, approval of the Minutes from the meeting held 6-3-10.

OWOW Update

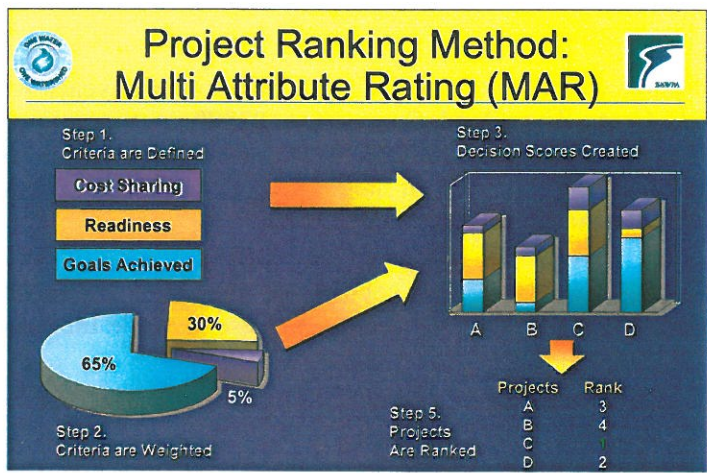
Jeff Beehler noted that the Proposition 84 schedule has slipped and that the release of the Proposition 84 final guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) now have been tentatively targeted for early August; the first PSP planning grant is due late September/early October; the second PSP implementation is January 2011; and the third PSP stormwater grant is targeted for March 2011. He also reviewed the new schedule for the first round of funding. We are waiting for the Department of Water Resources to finalize and release their final schedule.

TENTATIVE FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING SCHEDULE

Call for projects	June 30, 2010
Evaluate and rank projects	Mid-September, 2010
Finalize OWOW Plan	Mid-October, 2010
Public review	October – November, 2010
Adopt OWOW Plan	November, 2010
Rank projects for funding	September - October, 2010
Prepare grant applications	October, 2010 – January, 2011

Jeff Beehler stated that it costs between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to prepare each project submittal to the State. He also noted that 297 applications were received from 64 project sponsors for total project costs amounting to \$3.6 billion, with a funding request of \$1.7 billion. The master list of projects received was distributed. Discussion ensued regarding the limited resources and the numerous projects. Nearly 70% of the projects benefit more than one municipality or sub-watershed; 40% of the projects benefit disadvantage communities; 14% benefit tribal and disadvantage communities, and 20% of all project applications have final design or are shovel-ready.

Jeff Beehler then introduced Dan Rodrigo of CDM. Dan Rodrigo stated that the “multi-attribute rating” (MAR) process is a structured process for comparing projects that meet multiple objectives. MAR easily incorporates sensitivity in the weightings, as well as is transparent in displaying results. He discussed the ranking criteria, which includes: project readiness, cost match, cost effectiveness, active partnerships, water quality/salt management benefits, restoration/flood management benefits, watershed-focused recreation benefits, water supply benefits, resource efficient land use and impacts to natural hydrology, benefits to disadvantaged and Tribal communities, and greenhouse gas reduction/mitigation. There will be two rankings: the first ranking will evaluate all 297 project applications in accordance with the Plan itself. The second ranking will evaluate the “final design/shovel-ready” projects, which are responsive to Proposition 84, Chapter 2 requirements. He then presented three sample projects to demonstrate how these three project scenarios would stack up against the ranking criteria. The chart below reflects how the elements would be utilized with the software application.



Ali Sahabi entered the meeting room at 4:53 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the master projects list, MAR scoring (1-5, with 5 being the max); projects should align with our watershed goals, the importance of timely completion of projects, what makes a project viable, the importance to set standards within the watershed, and driving projects that respond to the 21st Century.

Upon motion by Steve PonTell, seconded by Josie Gonzales, the motion unanimously carried:

SC/10-07-02
MOVED, approval to receive and file the “Master List of Projects Received.”

Allocation of Proposition 84 Funds

Salvador Lopez stated that \$1.3 billion of the project applications are requesting the maximum grant contribution of 75%. He requested direction from the Steering Committee as to how to maximize the benefits to the watershed in

light of large number of projects submitted and the limited funding resources for this first round. He presented the following questions:

- Should we fund a few projects entirely, or provide less funding to more projects?
- How to balance project readiness for first round vs. project merit?
- Would projects be financially feasible with less grant funding?
- What is the impact on administrative costs?

Discussion ensued with much emphasis on the first two questions noted above.

Josie Gonzales commented, "...Unless we are willing to set our own desires aside and work together, we will undermine the very thing we are trying to build! Each of us has to make a commitment that this process will be open and transparent, and support the projects that are selected, even if they are not in our respective jurisdictional boundaries. ...I will support whoever else gets the project funding as they have gone through the process and have qualified because of the identified benefits it brings to our watershed."

Wyatt Troxel reminded all the Committee members that when OWOW got started, all of us were asked to check our identities at the door, and we will need to continue to do so as we make the hard decisions.

It was the consensus that the Committee that staff be directed to prepare conceptual scenarios of the high-ranking projects.

Bill Campbell left the meeting room at 5:31 p.m.

Project Readiness Discussion

This topic was briefly incorporated into the discussion above.

Announcements/Adjournment

The next meeting will be September 23, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. There being no further business, Convener Troxel adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.



Wyatt Troxel, Convener

APPROVED:
August 26, 2010

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