



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Water Working Group

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair

July 9th, 2008
9:00 am

Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
11310 Valley Blvd
El Monte, CA 91731

MINUTES

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

Present

Mary Ann Lutz, Chair,
Monrovia
Tom Tait, Arcadia
Kalieh. Honish, Covina
Darleen Chaputa, Glendora
Nancy Steele, LASGRWC
Deborah Glover, LASGRWC
Bertha Ruiz-Hoffman, LA Co.
Dept of Parks & Recreation
Jim Smith, Co. Parks & Recreation
Luis Cetina, MWD
Chris Arriola, Monterey Park
Jim Taylor, Pomona
Shahnawaz Ahmad, SA Associates
Tim Worley, RMC

Joseph Gonzalez, South El Monte
Holly Bennett, Southern California Edison
Valerie Hernandez, Southern California Edison
J. Michael Huls, South El Monte
Tim Jochem, Upper SGVMWD

Public

Pamela Green, San Gabriel Resident

Staff

M. Creter
B. Cooke

1.3 June 11th Meeting Notes

No changes were made to the meeting notes.

2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 Los Angeles & San Gabriel River Watershed Council Presentation

Staff from the LASGRWC discussed their upcoming conference entitled, "Building a Healthier San Gabriel River Watershed." The event is scheduled for September 16th and 17th and seeks to highlight the common threads in the watershed-related work of various stakeholders and to strengthen

collaboration among organizations. The meeting location is expected to be in El Monte and staff anticipates approximately 200 attendees. Staff requested that working group members contact them with any suggestions for potential speakers.

2.2 Working Group Goals & Objectives

Working Group members reviewed the consolidated list of goals, objectives, and task assignments and made minor changes. Staff was directed to revise the work plan and redistribute to working group members. Please see the attached revised list of Goals and Objectives for the Water Working Group.

The Chair requested that Working Group members submit their agency information for the Stakeholder Contact list in development.

2.3 Legislative Update

Staff reported that no new legislation has been brought to the working group's attention. AB 2823 (San Gabriel Valley Water Quality Act) has passed out of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee with amendments and been re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. AB 2938 (Fish Screening of Water Diversions) has also passed out of the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee and been re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Staff requested that working group members contact them with any bills they would like the working group to consider.

3.0 Items for Future Meetings

- The Water Working Group will not convene in August due to the holiday schedule.
- The following presentations were tentatively scheduled:
 - September – Tim Worley and Nancy Steele will coordinate a presentation about the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)
 - October – Jim Smith of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation will present on Recycled Water Projects in the San Gabriel Valley
 - November – Water Quality Authority Requirements

4.0 Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 9 am at the Upper SGVMWD offices.

5.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

SGVCOG Water Working Group Draft Goals and Objectives

July – November 2008

1. Increase use of recycled/reclaimed/recharged water

- a) Encourage efforts to connect parks to recycled water supplies and promote the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's project to recharge groundwater with highly purified recycled water, including a concept for a groundwater replenishment system.

By October 8^h, Los Angeles County Department of Recreation staff (Jim Smith as lead) in coordination with city staff and water agency staff will provide a report to the Water Working Group on current recycled water projects including:

- Identifying which parks and other large turf areas in the San Gabriel Valley currently utilize recycled water and any planned projects.
- Master plan (map) of recycled water pipes in the San Gabriel Valley
- Efforts by SGV water and municipal water agencies to implement recycled water programs
- Funding programs/opportunities for recycled water projects (including Prop. 84)

- b) Promote the Sanitation Districts' source control efforts to improve wastewater and recycled water quality, including the "No Drugs Down the Drain" program.

By September 10th, Los Angeles County Sanitation District staff (Ann Heil as lead) working with SGVCOG staff will prepare an informational packet to be included in the September SGVCOG Governing Board packet about LACSD's wastewater programs.

2. Coordinate and collaborate efforts between agencies

- a) Provide for information exchanges between local agencies, including rebates, public information materials, workplans, upcoming events, and studies

By September 10th, each Working Group participant will submit information about at least one program, event, or workplan planned by their respective agency to SGVCOG staff for coordination and distribution. This also includes the organizational and contact information survey distributed by COG staff in June.

- b) Research and report on current efforts to develop a master plan that integrates open space and water issues and promote multi-benefit projects

By September 10th, Working Group members (Tim Worley and Nancy Steele as leads) will coordinate a presentation on the Integrated Regional Water Master Plan.

- c) Communicate planning efforts with SCAG

By September 11th, SGVCOG SCAG representatives (Harry Baldwin and Sam Pedroza as leads) will present an update to SCAG, specifically the Energy and Environment Committee, about the SGVCOG Working Group.

- d) Develop a water project priority list that incorporates projects from all three water districts and other related agencies

By September 10th, SGVCOG Staff, working in coordination with the water agencies and with input from the IRWMP, will collect a list of all upcoming water projects for review by the Water Working Group.

- e) Coordinate with the Water Quality Authority to keep cities informed upcoming requirements

By November 12th, representatives from the WQA (Mary Ann Lutz as lead contact) will coordinate a presentation to the Water Working Group and other city staff about current and future WQA requirements.

3. Pursue funding and other resources to complete needed water cleanup/quality/quantity projects, including recycled water projects

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- b) Monitor and support relevant State and Federal legislation

Ongoing, SGVCOG staff, with input from Work Group members, will present a monthly legislative update.

4. Educate the public and elected officials on water issues including conservation, water quality, reliability, and future supply, in order to bridge the gap between cities and water agencies

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- b) Present the Water Quality Authority's DVD of coordinated cleanup efforts in the San Gabriel Basin at an upcoming COG Governing Board meeting.

By January 15th, the SGV Water Agencies (Bob Kuhn as lead), will ensure that a copy of this DVD is presented at the SGVCOG Governing Board meeting.

- c) Promote ordinances and strategies that encourage low-impact development techniques

By October 27th, SGVCOG staff, working with RMC Staff (Tim Worley as lead) will organize a presentation to the SGVCOG Public Works TAC on LID ordinances and strategies. This information will also be distributed to the Water Working Group.

- d) Educate public and elected officials on native and drought resistant landscaping and promote the adoption of the State's model landscape ordinance

By November 20th, the SGVCOG Watershed Coordinator, working with SGVCOG and Watershed Council staff will coordinate a comprehensive informational library on "smart gardening" including native and drought/fire resistant landscaping techniques and maintenance information on the SGVCOG website.

- e) Support the Watershed Council's efforts to develop a watershed and stream guide similar to Heal the Bay's Beach Scorecard

- f) Promote the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's project to recharge groundwater with highly purified recycled water

- g) Increase elected officials' awareness of issues surrounding MWD's recharge program

- h) Develop a unified water conservation message and strategy for informing the public through multiple avenues of communication.

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