



SC Meeting Notes

East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update

Subject: Steering Committee Meeting No. 5
Prepared By: Lindsey Wilcox, Jennifer Kidson / RMC
Date/Time: October 23, 2017 / 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Location: Ceres Community Center

Attendees: Kathleen Falk, Sara Kuo (Ceres); Jim Alves, Miguel Alvarez (Modesto); Karen Morgan (Waterford); Jaylen French (Hughson); Fallon Martin (Turlock); Leslie Dumas, Lindsey Wilcox, Jen Kidson (RMC)

Project Number: 0080-013

1. Purpose of Meeting

- Review work completed to date and outstanding action items
- Discuss project prioritization results
- Identify opportunities for integrating project components
- Identify next steps and action items

2. Discussion Summary

- Leslie gave an update on the Stanislaus County Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) currently under development by the County. The first stakeholder meeting will be 10/23 at the same location as the PAC/SC meetings at 1pm. The SWRP must comply with guidelines developed by the State Water Resources Control Board while the IRWMP must comply with DWR's guidelines. Thus, there are different requirements, and some project information needed may be different (e.g., SWRP must quantitatively prioritize projects while IRWMP is only qualitative).
- There are four programs running in parallel related to water resources – IRWMP, SWRP, DAC Involvement grant program, and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
- Leslie gave an update on the San Joaquin Funding Area DAC Involvement Proposal Process.
 - San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) is coordinating with various IRWM regions within the San Joaquin Funding Area.
 - Ara Azhderian (at SLDMWA) was previously coordinating the effort. Andrew Garcia (at SLDMWA) is now coordinating.
 - The RFP was released and consultants were interviewed.
 - The Funding Area is eligible for a minimum of \$3.1 million for DAC planning efforts (design, engineering, CEQA, studies).
 - In a couple of months, the Funding Area/its consultants will likely be soliciting DAC planning efforts to include in the proposal.
 - SDLMWA is hoping to have the DAC needs assessment complete within 6 months to help determine planning efforts and open lines of communications with DACs.
- Work Completed to Date and Outstanding Action Items
 - Leslie reviewed work completed to date on IRWMP tasks.
 - No outstanding action items at this point.

- Project solicitation - 51 projects submitted by 12 agencies – 28 of which were conceptual, 23 ready to proceed
- Project prioritization
 - Project submitted and then we ensured they met the minimum eligibility requirements for inclusion in the IRWMP Update (project is in the Region, it meets at least one Regional objective, at least one RMS, and at least one Statewide Priority).
 - Conceptual projects were not scored (total of 28 projects).
 - Prioritization process applied to the 23 ready-to-proceed projects.
 - Step 1: score against goals, objectives, statewide priorities, and other factors. Based on the boxes the project proponents checked for their projects.
 - Step 2: GHG assessment – required by 2016 GLs
 - Scoring criteria included regional goals & objectives, statewide priorities, other strategies (direct benefit to DACs, readiness to proceed, interregional project, provides non-water related benefits), and feasibility (benefit-cost (B-C) ratio and financing feasibility).
 - How were B-C ratios calculated?
 - At a very high level.
 - Calculated present value based on capital and O&M costs. < \$2M: 1 point; \$2M - \$20M: 2 points; >\$20M: 3 points
 - Benefits calculated based on number of objectives achieved by the project. > 8: 3 points; 4 – 8: 2 points; < 4: 1 point
 - Cost Assumptions slide in the presentation is a summary of the B-C handout provided.
 - DWR previously required performing detailed benefit-cost analyses in Prop 50 grant applications. These cost up to \$250k, so we had to greatly simplify the B-C analyses for the purposes of this project prioritization process.
 - Results – handouts were provided to summarize the scores. Secondary project ranking (i.e. based on GHG assessment) was deemed benefit, mitigation or neutral based on completion of the GHG worksheet previously reviewed and approved by the SC/PAC.
 - Scores were based on what project proponents entered into OPTI. As a third-party reviewer, we did not modify any regional objectives, Statewide Priorities, or RMS that were checked. We assumed the proponent knows the project the best and were honest in completing the form in OPTI.
 - Q: What is the purposes of the ranked project list?
 - A: It is a list of projects that is included in the Plan. The prioritization is an exercise (required by DWR) to see what projects float to the top and would help the Region meet its goals and objectives.
 - Prior to a grant solicitation, project proponents will have an opportunity to update existing or add new projects in OPTI.
 - SC to review rankings and see if they have any questions or concerns.
- IRWM grant applications

- In order to qualify for funding, your project needs to be in an IRWMP. If implementation grant solicitation is next summer, conceptual level projects on the list now could be ready for inclusion in a grant application by next summer.
- DWR will release a draft proposal solicitation package (PSP) in 2018 (sometime between March and June). There will be a 30-day review period and DWR conducts a public workshop.
- During this time, the Region can perform another project solicitation. Then, the project list is sorted to eliminate projects that would not be eligible for the specific solicitation (e.g. Round 3 of implementation grants were for drought-related projects only).
- Sit down and discuss who wants/needs funding. Maybe a project proponent is currently going after or has secured other funding, maybe they don't have adequate funding match.
- After projects are selected, then the grant request is divvied up and the application is prepared.
- Next steps
 - RMC to draft Chapters 6, 7, and 8 and send to SC for review.
 - SC to review these chapters prior to our November meeting.
 - RMC will then prepare the Admin Draft IRWMP Update for review by SC and PAC before releasing the Public Draft. A public workshop will be conducted in the first two weeks of December followed by the public review period.

3. Action Items

The following table summarizes the action items that must be completed by the due dates shown.

Item No.	Responsible Party		Due Date	Task/Action Item
	Organization	Name		
1	SC	All	11/1	Review rankings and communicate questions/concerns to RMC.
2	RMC	Jen/Lindsey	11/6	Send draft chapters 6, 7, and 8 to SC.
3	SC	All	11/20	Review draft chapters 6, 7, and 8.
4	RMC	Lindsey	11/2	Set up November meeting

4. Next Scheduled Meeting

RMC will coordinate with the SC and PAC to schedule the next meetings in November. These will be conducted as conference calls to discuss Impacts, Benefits, and Financing; Monitoring Plan to track East Stanislaus IRWMP Update performance; Technical Analysis and Data Management.