

Kings Basin IRWMP Update Workgroup November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Kings Basin IRWMP Update Workgroup was held at KRCD's office at 3:30 pm. In attendance at the meeting were:

Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District
Roy Jimenez, County of Fresno
Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
Soua Lee, KRCD
Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Eva Dominguez, Self-Help Enterprises

Maria Mejia-Ng, Self-Help Enterprises
Philip Romero, City of Parlier
Paul Peschel, KRCD
Heather Bashian, Provost & Pritchard
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard

1. Call to Order

Self-introductions

2. Review of Draft SWRP Chapter

The attached PowerPoint slides were reviewed during the meeting. Heather Bashian provided an overview of the Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP).

- Chapter 1 - Introduction: Provides background, purpose and need of SWRP. A SWRP is required for projects to be eligible for stormwater grant funding through the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Chapter 2 – Watershed Identification: This chapter discusses the watershed boundary covered by the SWRP and the water quality priorities for the region. Areas covered by Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's (FMFCD) functionally equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan and the County of Tulare's Cottonwood Creek Stormwater Resource Plan are excluded from the Water Authority's SWRP. However, while FMFCD's Plan area is not included in the Water Authority's SWRP, the Water Authority and FMFCD will continue to coordinate on the project list. For example, although the City of Fresno, City of Clovis, and County of Fresno are within FMFCD's Plan area, they are still able to get their projects onto the Water Authority's SWRP project list by going through the existing IRWM project review process. This chapter also discusses water quality priorities relating to groundwater and surface water resources. As required by State guidelines, included in this chapter is a list of all urban water suppliers and the amount of water they deliver. This information is pulled from existing reports published by local agencies.
- Chapter 3 – Compliance with Water Quality Standards: This chapter discusses how the SWRP relates to and is in compliance with any NPDES permits in the area.
- Chapter 4 – Consultation and Coordination: This chapter discusses how the SWRP coordinates with other planning documents in the area as well as other planning agencies in the area, including NGOs and DACs. The Public Engagement and Communication section discusses how the public was engaged in the development of the SWRP and, as necessary, what is needed for continued public engagement.
- Chapter 5 - Identification and Prioritization of Projects: This chapter covers the goals and objectives required by the State. There are five main categories of goals: water quality, water supply, flood management, environmental, and community. The goals and objectives are used to score projects. Projects are required to identify at least one goal and two objectives. Projects may receive additional points if their project has any additional main objectives. Additionally, projects with quantifiable benefits listed will score higher. The reason for this is because the State want projects to be prioritized in order of number of benefits.

- Chapter 6 – Implementation Strategy and Schedule: This chapter discusses the implementation strategy for the SWRP and lists current and anticipated future funding sources that may be pursued to implement projects. The language in this chapter is careful to not place additional responsibilities on the Water Authority, those responsibilities are redirected to the project proponents in regards to how they will implement the Plan and their project(s).
- Chapter 7 – Education, Outreach and Public Participation: This chapter discusses outreach efforts conducted to develop the SWRP including workgroup meetings, Advisory Committee and Board meetings, and outreach to DACs and counties. Several new projects came out of those outreach efforts.
- Appendices: Includes Project Information Form and Supplemental Stormwater Form, completed forms, ranked project list, SWRP checklist and self-certification.

3. SWRP Draft Next Steps and Schedule

- Nov. 15 – Draft SWRP to Workgroup
- Dec.7 – Workgroup comment deadline for SWRP
- Dec. 21 – Workgroup meeting to finalize draft SWRP
- Jan. 2019 – Special Advisory Committee meeting for adoption
- Feb. 2019 – Special Board meeting for adoption (possibly coincide with IRWM Implementation grant meeting)

4. Next Meeting

The target month for the next meeting is December 2018.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.