

SRTPCP Grants Subcommittee May 9, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Manager: Jerry Troyan

Note Taker: Chris Erichsen

Attendees:

Jerry Troyan, SRCSD
Kathy Russick, SRWP
Karen Larsen, CVRWQCB
Debra Denton, EPA Region 9
Tom Grovhoug, LWA
Mary Lee Knecht, SRWP
Chris Erichsen, LWA

Handouts:

- § Phase IV-VII Schedule
- § Phase VIII-IX Schedule

1. Introductions & Agenda Review
2. Review of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the 25 January 2005 meeting were approved without changes.
 - b. Next meeting in four months, and SRCSD will take notes for that meeting.
 - c. No comments on agenda.
3. Phase IV/V/VI/VII Tasks and Activities
 - a. Schedule
 - i. Progress Report No. 12 – due at the end of this month covering November 2004 through April 2005.
 - ii. Schedule 4a.4.2, Extended Mary Lee Knecht's Schedule from June 2005 to October 2005.
 - b. Work Plan & Budget
 - i. Jerry found differences between Progress Report budget and Work Plan budget.
 1. Jerry will make changes in PR12
 2. Jerry will also modify Work Plan to reflect corrections
 3. Switched money from 4a.4.2 (\$5k) to 4b.5 (from Education Facilitator to Education Program)
 - c. SRTPCP Coordinator & Education Coordinator
 - i. Coordinator

1. Ag Issues White Paper
 - a. Kathy received comments from Aaron Ferguson
 - b. Kathy discussed paper with SRWP Board members
 2. Kathy organized Watershed Health Monitoring Workshop on March 30th. Otis Wollan, Karen Larsen, Claus Suverkropp, and Tom Grovhoug also helped to lead the workshop
 - i. Many agencies attended: CalFed, DWR, RCDs, Ca. Resource Agency, and watershed groups.
 - ii. Sierra Nevada Alliance (SNA) is working on initial stages of developing their own watershed health index for Sierra watersheds, using funds from Resources Legacy Fund Foundation
 3. Kathy met with Upper Sacramento River Exchange in Dunsmuir to establish network and common 'river story' between river organizations. Third meeting in a series.
 - a. Also attended: Sacramento Discovery Center, Sacramento Preservation Trust, and Turtle Bay.
 - b. Would like to produce map that shows locations of watershed centers and contact information in the SRW.
 4. Kathy announced the upcoming State of the Sacramento River Conference, its date to be determined, but likely in late October (27-28th). It will be a one day event with annual meeting that evening.
- d. Education Coordinator
- i. Mary Lee Knecht participated in Watershed Education day for legislators.
 1. Mary distributed an SRWP fact sheet to attendees.
 - ii. Mary Lee met with Allen Harthorn regarding CREEK (California Regional Environmental Education Community) and River of Words awards.
 - iii. Mary Lee met with MMC to design the next newsletter and updates to SRWP exhibit.
 - iv. Mary Lee met with Karen Larsen and the Public Outreach and Education Subcommittee (POES).
 - v. River of Words competition concluded with many poetry and art submissions: 80 poems and many artworks.
 1. Need donated prizes for finalists.
 - vi. Mary plans to attend Globe training on June 16-17th in Redding, meet with Adopt a Watershed meeting (Vance Howard), and meet

with CREEC.

e. Resource Network

i. Chuck Lundgren, SRWP's webmaster, is contracted until end of September 2005.

1. Chuck is providing website assistance to watershed groups. He has received 14 applications for his assistance and will send out notification letters.

2. Chuck is preparing a Watershed Information Model with the American River Conservancy. It will be a web-based interactive map for retrieving information on the American River watershed.

3. Chuck is updating the website and newsletter.

ii. The District signed a contract with Mary Lee Knecht on May 2, 2005.

4. Phase VIII/IX Tasks and Activities

a. Schedule

i. A Progress Report was submitted on April 5, 2005.

Debra Denton approved it on April 18.

b. Work plan and Budget

i. \$25k was moved from Kathy Russick's budget to Mary Lee Knecht's budget and approved by Debra Denton on April 20, 2005.

c. Water Quality Management Strategies Groups

i. There is approximately \$30k available in Phase IX and \$50k in Phase X for Ag Issues related work, including possible funds for facilitation and notetaking.

ii. Kathy started Invasive Species Workgroup.

iii. Ag Issues White Paper to be completed by May 31, 2005.

1. Comments have been received from Karen Larson, Kathy Russick, Debra Denton, and Aaron Ferguson.

2. Debra Denton is concerned that not enough direction in terms of priorities has been provided by questionnaire. This cannot be expected from the Board of Trustees (BoT). The questionnaire is the forum to use for identifying priorities. We did OP.s, but what is next step, priority? Debra feels this should have been part of questionnaire.

3. Jerry feels that the BoT provides some diversity of the agricultural voice.

4. Kathy said not many responses have been received. Aaron Ferguson said to stop working on OP.s.

5. Jerry mentioned that Otis Wollan will summarize comments received by category.

6. Jerry said that the next draft of the Ag Issues White Paper will be before May 23, 2005.

7. Kathy said that there would be a meeting after the document is finished.

iv. DTMC Meeting

1. Chris Harris attended, but Charlie Alpers and Carol Atkins did not.

2. Carol Atkins will continue as DTMC facilitator, though possibly leaving Harris Company.

3. There were presentations made by Janice Cooke on the Cache Creek TMDL and Vicki Fry of SRCSD and Stephen McCord of LWA on the SRCSD Mercury Offset Project.

a. Cache Creek TMDL: There is interest in the TMDL's implementation plan and schedule.

b. SRCSD Mercury Offset Project: It appears that the Cache Creek Settling Basin is the optimal project. The Regional Board is not sure if the offset project will actually work.

4. Jerry said Carol Atkins is also facilitating meetings of two groups: Sierra Trinity Abandoned Mine Lands Agencies Group (STAMLAG) on Jan. 17, and Dredge Tailings Workgroup on March 17. These are subgroups of the DTMC.

5. Two people from the California Rice Commission attended the meeting because they are concerned about USGS report on mercury methylation in rice fields. USGS did not coordinate with Rice Commission in its proposed study of methylation.

v. Drinking Water:

1. LWA assembled a database of drinking water parameters in the Sacramento River Watershed.

2. Coordinated with Karl Jacobs and Liz Cook.

3. The Central Valley Drinking Water Policy work group has begun using the database with Tetra Tech's conceptual model to estimate monitoring program needs this coming fall.

4. There are additional funds remaining for Claus to work on QAPP.

vi. Toxicity Focus Group

1. Three are 2 RFPs in draft form:

a. Profile chemicals as they move thru Toxicity Identification and Manipulation Process: approx. \$40k. This has an accurate cost breakdown for sampling and lab work.

b. Unknown toxicity RFP: approx. \$90k.

c. Both RFPs emphasize partnerships and coordination with other programs, in order to maximize leveraging of SRWP

funds.

d. Debra would like RFPs to specify list of chemicals to be sampled. Recommends using Joe Karkoski's list and defining if the sampling is from water column or sediment.

e. Further iterations of the RFPs to be developed.

Respondents may ask to offer sampling plan detail as opposed to providing all details in advance.

d. SRWP Nonprofit Organization

i. Next Meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2005.

ii. Dave Brent, from the City of Sacramento, is a new board member.

e. Year 6 Monitoring, Planning and Reports

i. Peer Review

1. LWA to provide report to Debra Denton for peer review on May 13, 2005.

2. Need to complete peer review.

3. Add additional reviewers, other than Katrina Smolen (Friends of Deer Creek):

a. Sara Lowe of SFEI. Debra Denton to contact her.

b. Fred Lee is another possible reviewer.

4. There is a June 3rd deadline for peer review.

5. Kathy to email Debra peer review paragraph.

ii. Summary Report

1. LWA is assembling content with Claus, Heather Ottaway of LWA staff, and Kathy.

2. Tom would like report to be more graphic oriented.

a. Kathy would like to bring MMC to review report and provide production assistance.

3. Tom said LWA will produce a first version based on the mock-up of the report that has been previously provided to Kathy.

4. Jerry said \$8k from Otis' contract had been shifted to help with this.

5. Kathy would like report to be web-friendly and also a bound report.

f. Newsletter

i. The next newsletter will be prepared by MMC.

ii. MMC to produce new logo design for SRWP.

g. Contracts

i. SRCSD has started an amendment for MMC work to add Phase IX funds that Harris & Co. did not complete. .

5. Phase X Work Plan

- a. Revised award date is April 27. There were mistakes in earlier versions of the EPA grant documents.
 - b. Claus may need to help modelers on writing QAPP for their work. Debra Denton will check if this is needed.
6. Next Meeting
- a. Scheduled for September 12, 2005.