

Watershed Management Initiative

Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative Core Group Meeting

April 3, 2008

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Santa Clara Valley Water District, Administration Building, Room B108

5750 Almaden Expressway, San José, CA 95118

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Trish Mulvey, Melody Tovar, Lorrie Gervin, Larry Johmann, Kristy McCumby Hyland, Sarah Young, Phil Bobel, Kirsten Struve, Matt Krupp, Jill Bicknell, and Sandra Freitas.

• **Meeting Agenda:**

TIME	TOPIC
9:30 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions, and Early Announcements (Melody Tovar)
9:40 a.m.	Review Meeting Minutes and Update Action Item from Core Group Meeting on February 7, 2008 (Melody Tovar)
9:45 a.m.	Subgroup Updates/Works in Progress (Melody Tovar) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Top 10 Development Tips to Protect Creeks</i> (Matt Krupp)▪ <i>Public Participation Opportunities</i> (Bruce Frisbey)▪ Trash Subgroup (Phil Bobel)▪ Product Stewardship (Melody Tovar)▪ Riparian Setback/Erosive Forces – New SCVWD policies and next steps (Sarah Young)▪ SCVWD Climate Change Policies (Sarah Young)
11:00 a.m. <i>(time certain)</i>	WMI Interests in Statewide Watershed Program, Meeting on April 16, 2008 at SCVWD (Trish Mulvey and Dennis Bowker)
11:35 a.m. <i>(time certain)</i>	Santa Clara Valley Water District, Water Conservation Program, Hossein Ashktorab (Sarah Young)
11:55 a.m.	Action Item Review/Next Agenda/Plus/Delta (Melody Tovar)
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn and Next Meeting: June 5, 2008; location to be determined

Action Items:

#	ACTION ITEM	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE	STATUS
1	Provide information to Core Group regarding two proposed bridge construction projects for Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek Trail.	Sandra Freitas	4/8/08	Done
2	Provide Sandra Freitas with commenting information for EIRs for	Larry Johmann	4/8/08	Done

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	Guadalupe River Bridge and Coyote Creek Trail			
3	Provide information regarding Green Gardener's graduation to Sandra Freitas.	Kristy McCumby	4/8/08	Done
4	Follow-up with Luisa Valiela regarding the RFP for the \$5 million estuary grant fund and whether projects that implement NPDES permit requirements for pollution prevention are eligible	Melody Tovar	4/8/08	Done
5	Provide information regarding ABAG meeting on Climate Change to Sandra Freitas.	Matt Krupp	4/8/08	Done
6	Forward ABAG meeting information to Core Group list.	Sandra Freitas	4/8/08	Done
7	Contact Kirsten Struve regarding POTW Discussion Forum to reconvene in May (after ABAG meeting).	Sandra Freitas	4/8/08	Done
8	Forward <i>Top Ten Development Tips to Protect Creeks</i> to Core Group for comments, which should be sent directly to Matt Krupp by May 5 th .	Sandra Freitas	4/8/08	Done

- **Minutes:**

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Early Announcements**

- Bridge #3 at Guadalupe River near Coleman Avenue in San José. Commenting period is in progress. Larry Johmann will be providing additional information about project and commenting timeframe. These details will be provided via e-mail to Core Group.
- The Coyote Creek Trail Master Plan (from Julian Street to Story Road), has a proposal to expand the trail through the riparian corridor. An initial study and negative declaration have been prepared. Questions of concern are as follows:
 - *Will the riparian corridor policy be considered?*
 - *Will the Santa Clara Valley Water District comment on this project?*
- The Trash Ad Hoc Task group will be meeting in City Hall soon.
- The WAMS Subgroup will be meeting soon and a chair person will be determined at that time.
- Green Gardeners Graduation ceremony on April 24, 2008 at the Metropolitan multi-purpose room. Details will follow via e-mail.
- There will be two EPA grant opportunities, which will be made available some time in the next couple weeks. The group is interested in the guidelines associated with the grant application process (e.g., may funds be applicable to permit requirements? and if not, how is the grant to be supportive of TMDL implementation?).
- As part of the Water District's Reach 6 project of Guadalupe River (along Virginia Street) design is underway for the District to build an additional bridge in series with an existing bridge to span the floodplain area of the project. The environmentally superior solution would be to replace the existing bridge owned by the City of San Jose. GCRCD is interested in whether there is grant funding available to support replacement of the City's bridge in lieu of an additional bridge.

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2. Review Meeting Minutes and Update Action Items from Core Group Meeting on February 7, 2008

- The group reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes; there were no pending action items.

3. Subgroup Updates /Works in Progress

- **Top 10 Development Tips to Protect Creeks (Matt Krupp):** A draft version of this flyer was provided for input. Graphics will be improved through a graphic artist. Once finalized, a PowerPoint presentation will accompany it, which can be presented audiences such as Planning Department staff, Planning Commissions, Public Works staff, etc. A copy of the flier will be forwarded to Core for further input, and comments are due on May 5th to Matt Krupp.
- **Public Participation Outreach Bruce Frisbey):** This item should be referred to WE&O and agendized for a future Core Group meeting
- **Trash Subgroup (Phil Bobel):** The charter for the group is in progress.
- **Product Stewardship (Melody Tovar):** This group meets every 4th Monday of the month at the City of San José Watershed Protection Offices. The charter and work plan are in progress, which will be going to COS in May for approval. As follow-up to a SCVURPPP Management Committee request, City of San José staff and CLEAN South Bay are in the process of promoting and encouraging other entities to become signatories of the California Product Stewardship Council and sign product stewardship resolutions.
- **Riparian Setback/Erosive Forces – New SCVWD policies and next steps (Sarah Young):** The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board accepted three erosive policy recommendations, which were brought forward by the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) at the Board's February 5, 2008, Board Work Study Session.
- **SCVWD, Climate Change Policies (Sarah Young):** The District's Product Stewardship policy is directly linked to its climate change strategic initiative. There is going to be an ABAG meeting on April 15th to address sea-level rise, which City of San José and District staff plan to attend. As a follow-up, the WMI POTW Discussion Forum will meet to follow-up on discussion.

4. WMI Interests in Statewide Watershed Program, Meeting on April 16, 2008 at SCVWD policies and next steps (Sarah Young)

- Officials from the Statewide Watershed Program will be traveling throughout the state soliciting input from local communities' and agencies' needs. Needs may include: improve management of watershed, funding to implement or support a particular need, etc. The WMI Coordinator and Trish Mulvey will be attending a meeting on April 16th to express needs on behalf of the WMI and the Santa Clara Basin.

5. Santa Clara Valley Water District, Water Conservation Program, Hossein Ashktorab (Sarah Young)

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- Hossein Ashktorab provided an overview of the District's efforts in water conservation, which is aligned with the WMI's vision for water-use efficiency. The District has made a significant leap since its inception of the water conservation program. Currently, there are than 20 programs in place. The water conservation efforts have also impacted energy conservation in a positive manner, as well as CO2 emissions. He will ask WMI for a support letter for their next grant application. The core group is interested in learning more about: rain harvesting of roof runoff, grey water, rain gardens, green roofs, and other innovative ways in which the District might partner with other kinds of plans to save water.

6. Action Item Review/Next Agenda/Plus/Delta (Melody Tovar)

- There was not enough time to review and discuss this section.

7. Adjourn and Next Meeting: June 5, 2008 at the City of San José Watershed Protection Offices, Old Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Almaden Conference Room

The WMI's role will be to continue to serve as a stakeholder forum for watershed initiatives, to facilitate problem-solving processes, and to support and encourage agency actions in the direction of the nine strategic policy objectives.

WMI Work Plan Priorities Update

1. *Trash*
2. *Erosive Forces/Riparian Setback*
3. *Stream Goals*
4. *Product Stewardship*