

Watershed Management Initiative

Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative CORE GROUP MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2008

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City of San José, Watershed Protection Office, McDaniel Conference Room (Upper Basement)
170 West San Carlos Street, San José, CA 95113

Attendees: Melody Tovar, Roberta Dunlap, Phil Stevens, Kristy McCumby Highland, Mary Ellen Dick, Larry Johmann, Lorrie Gervin, Phil Bobel, Trish Mulvey, Nancy Bernardi, Sarah Young, and Elaine Marshall

TIME	TOPIC
9:30 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions, Recognition, and Early Announcements (Melody Tovar/Trish Mulvey)
9:40 a.m.	Review Meeting Minutes and Update Action Item from Core Group Meeting on June 5, 2008 (Melody Tovar)
9:45 a.m.	<i>San José's Green Vision</i> Update (Mary Ellen Dick)
10:05 a.m.	Break for 12 Year Celebration: <i>Treats and Big Group Hug!</i> (All)
10:20 a.m.	Subgroup Updates (Melody Tovar)
	Product Stewardship Subgroup Roberta Dunlap 15 min
	Trash Subgroup Phil Bobel 5 min
	POTW Discussion Forum Phil Bobel 10 min
	Watershed Education and Outreach Mary Morse 10 min
	Watershed Assessment and Management Subgroup Nancy Bernardi 5 min
	Land Use Subgroup Matt Krupp 15 min
11:20 a.m.	Urban Creeks Council Streamside Management Program for Landowners Update (Trish Mulvey)
11:30 a.m.	Announcements, wrap-up, action item review an plus/delta (Melody Tovar)
11:50 a.m.	October Core Group Agenda Topics (Melody Tovar)
Noon	Adjourn and Next Meeting: October 2, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., City of San José, Watershed Protection Office, Evergreen Conference Room

ACTION ITEMS

#	ACTION ITEM	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE	STATUS
1.	Distribute BASMAA letter about grant eligibility to Core Group	Melody	(attached to minutes)	
2.	Send out information on upcoming workshops on Trash and Land Use to Core Group	Melody	Before workshops	
3.	Coordinate with Kirsten to schedule next POTW Discussion Forum meeting.	Phil	ASAP	Done

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4.	Take question on interest in dioxin or pharmaceutical product actions due to new permit requirements.	Phil/Trish	At POTW Meeting	
5.	Share BACWA White paper on science review of dioxin.	Trish		Done
6.	Send Matt information on City Webcast service	Elaine		

1. Welcome, Introductions, Recognition, and Early Announcements (Melody Tovar/Trish Mulvey)

SCVWD Announcements:

- Administrative Draft of HCP is now posted to the County web site <http://scv-habitatplan.org/www/default.aspx> and http://www.valleywater.org/News_and_events/News_releases/2008_news_releases/July_22,_2008.shtm. All are encouraged to review and submit comments.
- SCVWD will be actively promoting water conservation in anticipation of potential upcoming mandatory water restrictions.

San Francisquito Watershed Council has re-organized into two separate groups:

- San Francisquito Watershed Project, now a project of Acterra, will be focusing on creek cleanups, invasive species, native plantings, on-the-ground projects. The San Francisquito Watershed Project has new Program Director – Arnie Thompson.
- San Francisquito Watershed Forum’s first meeting is August 14th will have update on Stanford’s HCP.

EPA Grants Funding Criteria Clarification

- Melody received clarification that for federal grants, “matching funds” must also meet the criteria for the grant funds, specifically “matching funds” can not be used to meet permit requirements. Melody will share a copy of the BASMAA letter.

Two Green Gardener Classes will be offered in September (one each in Spanish and English) through MetroEd. Kristy of Sunnyvale will be teaching.

San Jose P2 Week Resource Fairs have been scheduled for Sept 15th- 19th. There will also be Lunchtime presentation featuring Dr. Marcus Erickson of the Algalita Institute entitled: Plastic Debris from Creeks to Sea. Informational flyers will be sent out to WMI.

Matt is co-teaching an Urban Planning Class at SJSU that will be focusing on Commercial Solid Waste issues, though he would like to include the trash/watershed connection and is looking for ideas and possible projects that can be included in the class syllabus.

2. Review Meeting Minutes and Update Action Item from Core Group Meeting on June 5, 2008 (Melody Tovar)

- Meeting Minutes and Action Items were updated.

3. Sam José’s Green Vision Update (Mary Ellen Dick)

Mary Ellen Dick, San Jose Office of Sustainability Manager, provided an update on San José’s Green Vision. Since the Green Vision presentation to the Core Group earlier this year, San Jose has been actively working

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on implementing the Green Vision. At the same time, staff is developing metrics for each of the Green Vision goals that will help in tracking and assessing progress toward meeting the 15-year goals. Green Vision handout is included at the end of these minutes. An annual update to the San Jose City Council is scheduled for early 2009.

Group found the presentation and discussion very informative and would like to invite Mary Ellen back for another update after the City Council Study Session, likely at the February/March Core Group Meeting.

4. Break for 12 Year Celebration: Treats and Big Group Hug! (All)



Thanks to Phil, Melody and Nancy for the treats!

5. Subgroup Updates (Melody Tovar)

Product Stewardship (PS): PS has been focused on developing its work plan and should have a draft to share at the next CORE Group meeting. Though relatively new, this subgroup has made great progress its three goals. Highlights include:

- Coordination of Pilot Pharmaceuticals Programs – While there continue to be many regulatory challenges associated with Pharmaceuticals collection, SJ and PA continue to work on sites for pilots. CIWMB meeting scheduled for 8/25 to review current pilot programs and develop BMPs in response to SB966. Once pilots are in place, the subgroup hopes to develop an analysis of program options and fact sheets to guide jurisdictions wanting to set up collection programs. As part of *No Drugs Down the Drain* Campaign, events have been scheduled in PA and SJ. PA coordinating a press event with Senator Simitian's Office for 10/2 late morning.
- Local Agency participation on California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) – Eight co-permittees and three signatory organizations have signed the CPSC pledge. Nine co-permittees have adopted EPR resolutions. Several jurisdictions looking to adopt resolutions by end of the year including San Jose.

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Subgroup will continue to talk to other jurisdictions who have not signed on to CPSC yet.

- Collaborate and Coordinate on Product Actions – subgroup has drafted a Fact Sheet for Triclosan in partnership with the Santa Clara Medical Association. Fact Sheet is undergoing review and should be finalized shortly. Producing a summary sheet on Single Use Water Bottle Bans that will include information and tips on how to implement for other agencies.

Next Steps for subgroup include finalizing work plan, doing the work! and developing 2009 work plan.

Trash Subgroup: Trash Summit scheduled for October 15, 2008 9 AM-3 PM. Purpose of summit is to identify gaps in efforts on trash and develop recommendations for addressing the gaps.

There will also be a CASQA Pre-Conference Workshop on Trash on Sept 22, 2008.

POTW Discussion Forum: The July workgroup meeting was cancelled because the draft permit from the Regional Board had not been received at that point. An emergency meeting was scheduled for 8/6 as the draft permit was received on 7/30 comments due 8/15. The goal is to coordinate all comments from all 3 South Bay POTWs on San Jose's draft permit.

A question for the group: Is there any interest on product actions related to dioxin or pharmaceuticals that may be driven by new permit requirements?

Watershed Education and Outreach (WEO): WEO is working on revamping "Bay Begins" piece which is about general residential storm water pollution prevention. A new version is currently being reviewed. A draft version was taken to a recent event as an informal focus group. Good input on the content was received. Anyone interested in reviewing the piece should contact Mary Morse (mary.morse@sanjoseca.gov) for copy.

The Public Participation Opportunities List will be reviewed and updated this year. Final document will be posted online. Coastal Cleanup Day is Sept 20th. There are currently 27 sites in the South Bay.

WEO is developing its 08-09 work plan and waiting for the MRP to finalize projects.

Watershed Assessment and Monitoring: The Guadalupe/Coyote Resource Conservation District Board has identified a problem in part of the Guadalupe River where homeless have started using that area for human waste and has asked what would be needed to consider a possible solution such as putting in a composting toilet to alleviate the problem. It was suggested that this may also be brought to the Trash Subgroup as concern and unaddressed issue. GCRCD will be asked to prepare a WMI Short Term Issue Application.

Land Use Subgroup: LUS will be meeting on 8/22, agenda topics include: coordination for upcoming Creek Trails dialogue and finalizing the Top Ten fact sheet and presentation. The group hopes to test out the presentation soon and is considering appropriate distribution for Top Ten Information Sheet.

Laura Prickett (SCVURPPP) put together good presentation at Planning Association Conference. This mobile workshop was a success and well received.

6. Urban Creeks Council Streamside Management Program for Landowners Update (Trish Mulvey)

Phil Stevens provided information on efforts of the Urban Creeks Council. Three main themes for UCC's work:

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- Creeks and Community – transforming perception of creeks to be resource for community. Currently, they are focusing on disadvantaged communities in Contra Costa County.
- Steelhead restoration, now coming together for Coyote, Guadalupe, San Francisquito
- Private Land Public Good –Streamside Management Program for Landowners (SMPL) which provides consultation and training for landowners on creek side management issues such as erosion control and bank stabilization, etc. UCC conducts workshops and organizes landowners on given reach with a problem to get a consensus solution.

UCC's SMPL program is being included in the SFEP proposal for the current EPA grant opportunity. UCC's original allocation of \$600,000 was reduced to \$400,000 which means they can only bring about \$25,000 to Santa Clara County and requires local matching funds. UCC is looking for other funding opportunities to expand their program to Alameda and Santa Clara counties. Trish working on bringing together key agencies to identify more funding in Santa Clara for program and getting into proper budget cycles. GCRC and SCVWD are interested, and SCVURPPP would like to know more about the grant and the SCVWD CreekWise workshops which may include UCC.

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8. October Core Group Agenda Items (Melody Tovar)

Date: October 2, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Location: City of San José, Watershed Protection Office, Evergreen Conference Room (tentative)

Proposed Agenda Items

- Wastewater Treatment of Emerging Contaminants and Impact on Recycled Water
- SJ/SC Plant Master Plan Update
- Plant NPDES Permit Update

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