

Santa Clara Basin Stormwater Resource Plan Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Kick-off Meeting

March 23, 2017, 1:30-3:30 pm

**Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose
Headquarters Building, Room A143**

MEETING SUMMARY

Participants – Attendance list attached.

1. Welcome/Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves. Jill Bicknell (SCVURPPP) informed attendees that the purpose of today's meeting is to provide an overview of the SWRP and obtain approvals for several key deliverables. Attendees reviewed the TAC list and made minor corrections to phone numbers. The TAC list was approved for submittal to the Grant Manager.

2. Overview of Project Purpose and Background

Jill provided an overview of the grant and SWRP development process and information on the project boundaries and watershed areas. The District and SCVURPPP received a Prop 1 Grant to prepare a Stormwater Resource Plan for the Santa Clara Basin in Santa Clara County. The total project budget is \$944,833 (Grant amount: \$471,708, and \$473,125 in-kind match from SCVURPPP). The SWRP is scheduled to be completed by December 2018. The SWRP will result in a list of prioritized multi-benefit stormwater capture/treatment/use projects eligible for future State implementation grant funds.

Attendees provided the following feedback:

- Add a goal to use the SWRP to increase coordination with transportation agencies.
- Invite City of San Jose staff to share information on their Storm Drain Master Plan at the next TAC meeting.
- The SWRP should recognize that water supply benefits from stormwater capture projects will only accrue in the unconfined area of the groundwater sub-basin.
- Include the Santa Clara County Habitat Management Plan in the list of plans to reference in the SWRP.

3. Overview of District's One Water Plan

Tracy Hemmeter (SCVWD) provided an overview of the District's One Water Plan, and its goals and objectives. The intent of the One Water Plan is to develop a framework for long-term management of Santa Clara County water resources. The District is taking a tiered approach to One Water Plan development. Tier 1 included the development of a countywide framework to establish guidance for watershed-specific plans. Tier 2, which is in progress, includes developing master plans for each of the five major watersheds in Santa Clara County. The District has identified the five goals and ten objectives for the One Water Plan, and is in the process of developing metrics to track the progress over time for each objective. The One Water Plan aims to plan and prioritize projects that maximize stream stewardship, flood protection, and water supply benefits. District staff is working with the One Water Stakeholder Work Group (SWG) to identify project opportunities that could meet One Water objectives. Tracy showed a map indicating the locations of issues and project ideas contributed by the SWG so far for the Coyote Watershed. She added that the District Board is interested in including stormwater capture projects in the Water Supply Master Plan.

4. Project Approach

Jill described the background information (water quality issues, green infrastructure requirements in the Permit, pollutants of concern), project approach, tasks, and schedule for completion. The TAC provided the following feedback:

- Include temperature and nutrients (future issue) in the list of water quality issues.
- Provide more information on the Project Identification and Prioritization methodology at the next meeting.
- Clearly define objectives for the metrics that will be used to assess benefits of each project. Jill noted that the TAC will have an opportunity to comment on the metrics used to prioritize projects.
- The TAC discussed the State Board's approach to selecting projects for receiving grant funding for implementation. It is likely that some projects that are ranked high on the priority list may not be ready for construction due to lack of local match funds, permitting issues, or other reasons. State Board staff clarified that the State Board may be willing to fund lower priority projects if they are ready for construction. Several TAC members recommended considering the potential for receiving grant funding as a criteria for prioritizing projects. At least one TAC member recommended keeping the SWRP project prioritization process separate from the grant application project prioritization process.
- Look at IRWM criteria when developing the prioritization methodology.
- Confirm that the project prioritization will address Storm Water Grant Program criteria as well the SWRP Guidelines.

5. Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Plan

Vishakha Atre (SCVURPPP) provided an overview of the Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Plan. Stakeholders will be solicited from local government and environmental organizations, and also from the District's One Water Plan Stakeholder Work Group. The TAC reviewed the Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Plan and provided the following feedback:

- Include the following additional potential stakeholders: school districts, water retailers, urban forestry agencies, recycled water agencies, developers, parks departments, County Vector Control District, and transit districts/Caltrans.
- Attach the list of potential stakeholders to the Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Plan.
- Include a task for developing the Community Participation Strategy during SWRP development.
- Consider holding the public workshop at multiple locations and providing materials to SCVURPPP agencies for local outreach.
- Consider holding separate meetings with some stakeholder groups (e.g., water retailers/BAWSCA, Vector Control District, parks/open space districts)

6. SWRP Outline

Jill noted that SCVURPPP staff has prepared a draft SWRP Outline for submittal to the Grant Manager. It was e-mailed to the TAC prior to today's meeting. Due to lack of time, the TAC could not complete discussion of the SWRP Outline and asked SCVURPPP staff to give them additional time for review and comment. The only comment received at the meeting was to include a section on Disadvantaged Communities in the SWRP Outline.

Action Items:

- SCVURPPP staff will finalize the Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Plan to incorporate the TAC's comments, and submit it to the Grant Manager.
- SCVURPPP staff will submit the final TAC list to the Grant Manager.
- TAC members will send comments on the draft SWRP Outline by March 31, 2017.
- District staff will determine when a presentation on the SWRP can be made as part of the District's regular meeting with water retailers.

Next Meeting:

July/August 2017 (Date TBD)