

Storm Water Resource Planning

Southern Sonoma County Storm Water Resource Plan

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting July 26, 2017

City of Petaluma Public Works Field Office – 202 No. Mc Dowell Blvd., Petaluma

Summary

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was held on July 26, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss several foundational process, plan elements, strategies and criteria related to development of projects and the Plan. A key goal of the meeting was to finalize the benefit criteria list and secondarily to obtain input on a strategy for weighting. The meeting was well attended with participation from almost all collaborating entities, either in person or via phone. The meeting was convened by Susan Haydon, SCWA Project Manager with presentations from Water Agency's consultants, ESA, Betty Andrews, Principal and Carlos Diaz, ----- Engineer. Grant manager, Harish Bagha, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), joined meeting via phone.

An attendance roster and copy of presentation slides is attached. The meeting covered the following topics:

- Overview, purpose and objectives of the Planning Grant
- Project progress update, deliverables submitted to date, project administration
- Project timeline and key milestones
- Introduction and discussion of draft approach to addressing Water Quality
- Project submission guidelines (how, when, what, where)
- Project Screening process and criteria for Plan eligibility
- Project Benefits- discussion of benefit types and draft criteria and weighting
- Strategy and discussion on conducting Public & Stakeholder Outreach
- Feedback, Questions/Clarifications and Next Steps

All meeting materials will be available and shared with all participants via email and google drive.

Key Notes & Discussion Items:

A review of the Storm Water Resource Plan goals and objectives was provided emphasizing the identification of multi-benefit projects to watershed and public. Susan Haydon noted key milestones and project timeline. Draft agreements and MOUs to collaborators have been sent with request for review and return as soon as possible. SCWA will submit first invoice and quarterly report to grantor in August.

ESA presented the regulatory framework and strategy to address water quality compliance in the Plan, specific to both watersheds. Clarifications and input was given by participants on information for the Water Quality report and written edits or further comments are requested by August 10. ESA presented a three step process envisioned to identify projects and turn them into a prioritized list: 1) screening, 2) initial quantification, and 3) detailed quantification. An on-line form has been developed

to capture information from entities (project proponents) to describe projects initially and screen for eligibility. Basic screening requires meeting two criteria: 1) project must be located within the planning boundaries of the SWRP (located within Petaluma River watershed or Sonoma Creek watershed) and 2) provide a minimum of two of the required main benefits (per SWRP guidelines). A considerable portion of the meeting was devoted to outlining our approach and methods proposed to prioritize projects based on criteria and consensus on methods for weighting. Participants reviewed and discussed the draft criteria. Comments and feedback was given in each category type. There was consensus by group given to maintain simplicity in terms of process and criterion. There are different opinions on weighting at this early stage. A series of questions (survey) is being developed in response to feedback given during the meeting. The survey will be sent to TAC members after this meeting to capture preferences on weighting various criteria. This TAC feedback will assist team in further development of the prioritization process which is responsive to the needs and direction of its stakeholders.

Questions arose regarding the following: a) how does SWRP address dis-benefits? b) how to measure success for certain community benefits, c) provisions for nominate acquisition type project and protect privacy.

Project submission (how, when, what, etc.) was discussed with a first call for project concepts due on August 10. The form developed to capture information about the project and the proponent was reviewed and discussed. The form is available on the project website at <http://www.scwa.ca.gov/SWRP/>

Susan Haydon presented strategy for conducting outreach during the plan process and engage stakeholders and the public as well as noting that a required element of the SWRP is a plan for continued outreach to stakeholders through implementation. Two public meetings are proposed to be held in the early fall, one in each watershed to capture stakeholder input and identification of projects beyond the TAC members and collaborators. A draft Public Outreach Plan will also be developed for TAC review and a draft will be submitted to grantor in November.

Next TAC meeting planned for week of September 18th, likely AM of 7/20. Will calendar and confirm soon.

Action items:

- 1) Collaborators to review and provide comments on draft approach to addressing Water Quality approach by August 10
- 2) Collaborators to respond to call for project concepts and submit projects via submission form by August 10 with finalized project submission due 9/12
- 3) Collaborators to submit maps, reports, data and other relevant materials via google drive platform (SWRP data catalog) by 8/10
- 4) SCWA provide web application for public lands map recently developed
- 5) SCWA to revise benefit criteria and share with TAC and follow-up on clarifications on several questions pertaining to grouping of projects by type or grouping by locations.