

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Resources Building
Sacramento, California

Action Team Report

Paula Landis reported on the Action Team Activities. The last Action Team Meeting was November 30, 2000. The focus of the meeting was the development of Goals and Objectives. Details of the upcoming watershed conference funding and confirmation of speakers were also discussed. The next Action Team meeting will be held at NRCS on January 31, 2001, 1 p.m.

SJRMP Goals and Objectives

Paula Landis led a group discussion on the development of Goals and Objectives. Comments were taken from the group and a new draft will be prepared for the January Action Team Meeting. Plans are to bring the document to the April Advisory Council Meeting for possible action. In addition, the Goals and Objectives the group thought it would be useful to develop a MOU. The MOU would be assure that SJRMP participants have agreed to a common purpose and process. A draft of the MOU will also be ready for the January Action Team Meeting.

Legislative Update

Linda Chipponeri, Assistant Director for Legislation, DWR, reported on AB 1147 and SB 854. These bills change the State flood policy in four ways. 1) Establishment of a floodplain management task force. 2) Changes to the State cost share pattern to a sliding scale from minimum of 50/50 and a maximum of 70/30 of the local share of a project. 3) Provide greater oversight by DWR and the Reclamation Board and 4) Authorize 12 projects that have been waiting for legislative approval for 4 years.

The San Joaquin Valley Water Institute

David Zoldoske briefed the group on the San Joaquin Valley Water Institute. The Institute is developing a public forum where stakeholders can discuss water issues. Stakeholders include agricultural, urban and environmental water users in the valley. The focus is on water quantity and quality, timing and dependability. Zoldoske explained that there are many things driving the process, a projected 50% increase in population, groundwater overdraft, salt import from the Delta and environmental

restoration, just to name a few. Long range goals of the group include establishing a clearinghouse for water issues, providing water policy advice and helping private individuals and farmers better manage water supplies. More information can be found at: <http://www.californiawater.org/>

Approval of the Process for Approval of SJRMP Letters of Support

Landis reviewed the current draft for Approval of Letters of Support and asked if there were any comments or changes. There were no comments or changes and Paula asked that the notes show that action was taken on the process. A copy of the final process and future meeting dates can found on the SJRMP website at: <http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sjd/sjrmp/index.html>

Other

Working with CALFED

Patrick Wright laid out CALFED's expectations of the SJRMP. Wright explained that SJRMP can help CALFED address local and regional issues. He confirmed the need for a forum for to on San Joaquin issues and stated that SJRMP had the history , participation and credibility to meet this need. He explained that CALFED is looking for guidance on what the regional vision and local issues are in the San Joaquin Valley.

Date of next meeting: April 6, 2000

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