

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

November 3, 2000
Resources Building
Sacramento, California

Action Team Report

Paula Landis gave the Action Team Report. The Action Team is developing the Goals and Objectives and the Working at a Watershed Level Training Course. The Goals and Objectives subcommittee will bring options to the table at the November meeting. Earle Cummings briefed the group on the activities of the Corps Comprehensive Study's Initial Project (IP) selection process. Ernie Taylor updated the group on the activities of the SJR Real Time Water Quality Program have hold a workshop in September for the signatories. The next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2000 at CSU Fresno. This will be a combination Action Team and Goals and Objectives Meeting.

SJRMP Goals and Objectives

Landis updated the group on the development of Goals and Objectives by the Action Team. She provided a write-up listing the possible Goals and Objectives and processes. The list was developed at the August 31, 2000 planning session. The results of this meeting will be presented at the January Advisory Council meeting.

Merced County Water Supply Plan

Development of the Merced County was presented by Ted Selb of Merced Irrigation District, Steven Stroud, City Engineer, City of Merced and Greg Eldrige, CH2M Hill. The plan is being developed cooperatively between the City of Merced and Modesto Irrigation District. The last plan was completed in 1995. The goals of the 1995 water supply plan were to manage ground water resources, provide high quality water supply, protect economic base, protect water rights and maintain consensus. The update is being developed to reflect changes in population, regulatory constraints, agriculture, environmental water needs and to increase public awareness. The update includes: current data on the resource, analytical models and analysis, and a public outreach component.

Lower Tuolumne River Initiative Vision Statement

Jenna Olsen and Patrick Koepele gave a presentation on the Lower Tuolumne River Initiative Vision Statement. The vision statement is intended to integrate existing plans, increase public education and awareness and get financial support. The document is supported by a large number of State, federal and local agencies as well as local organizations and groups. A list of projects that are currently being coordinated was distributed. This included the Tuolumne River Regional Park.

Fred Allen gave a presentation on the Tuolumne River Regional Park. The Park was created in 1972 by the County of Stanislaus and the Cities of Modesto and Ceres. The intent was to preserve, protect and restore a portion of the Tuolumne River. A master plan is currently being developed. Seven different areas are included in the plan, which is estimated to cost \$82.7 million dollars.

Corps Comprehensive Study Initial Projects

Sue Fry and Alicia Kirchner briefed the group on the development of Initial Projects by the ACOE. Kirchner explained that IPs are small in scope, part of a larger framework and developed to a high level of detail. After a list of projects is developed it is evaluated based on the following criteria: completeness, effectiveness (flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration), efficiency and acceptability. Planning then moves forward on the chosen projects and participation is requested from the public and agencies. Kirchner also asked that project write-ups be sent to her ASAP so that they be considered in the process. A brief project description can be emailed to her at akirchner@spk.usace.army.mil

Other Business

“Working at a Watershed Level” training course

Kevin Faulkenberry gave an update on the watershed course. The course is scheduled to be held January 22 –26, 2001 at the CSU Fresno, Sid Craig School of Business. Tuition is \$300 for the week and includes informative lectures on river process and function, field trips and networking on the San Joaquin River System. Additional sponsors are being sought to help pay for breaks, lunches or dinner. The agenda is currently being finalized. Information about registration can be found at our web site at <http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sjd/sjrmp/workshop/index.html>.

Date of next meeting: January 12, 2001.
 San Joaquin River Management Program
 Advisory Council

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