

SRTPCP Grants Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

22 January 2007

1. Attendees:

- Jerry Troyan, SRCSD
- Debra Denton, US EPA Region 9
- Mary Lee Knecht, SRWP
- Kathy Russick, SRWP
- Karen Larsen, CVRWQCB

2. Introductions & Agenda Review – No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Review 18 September 2006 minutes – No changes were made to the minutes.

4. Phase VIII/IX/X Tasks/Activities

4.1. Schedule

4.1.1. The 8th progress report covers activities from August 2006 through January 2007 and will be the last progress report as the final report will cover the February through June 2007 reporting period. The progress report is due to EPA by end of February 2007. Regional Board and Larry Walker Associates reports are due to the District by mid-February.

4.1.2. The request to extend the grant through June 2007 was approved by EPA in October 2006.

4.1.3. The District submitted the 7th progress report in September 2006.

4.1.4. The District submitted a report on Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises used in Grant work in the last year to EPA in October 2006.

4.1.5. Subtask 4a.5, Resource Network, was extended through 30 March 2007 to allow for Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (RCD) to complete their work on the Sacramento Watershed Information Model (SWIM).

4.1.6. EPA reviewed and approved today a Grant workplan update, which includes changes through 8 November 2006.

4.1.7. The SRWP Education Coordinator submitted her final evaluation report to the District and it was approved by EPA in January 2007.

4.1.8. The following workplan tasks were extended through 30 June 07:

- 1a (Coordinate SRTPCP Activities),
- 1b (Facilitate Monitoring Subcommittee),
- 1d (Prepare Task Progress Reports),
- 2h (Prepare Task Progress Reports),
- 2i (Perform Monitoring for Unknown Toxicity),
- 3a (Formulate Water Quality Management Strategies),

- 3a.2.26 (Perform Tasks Identified in White Paper),
- 3c.2 (Coordinate Activities of SRWP Toxicity Focus Group),
- 4a.4 (Program Coordinator),
- 4b.5 (Education Program),
- 4b.6 (Implementation of Strategic Communication Plan)

4.1.9. Subtask 2d (Analyze Monitoring Program Results), was extended through December 2006.

4.1.10. Subtask 3a.2.25 (Ag Issues White Paper) is complete.

4.1.11. Subtask 3a.2.27 (Perform Work to Complete Modeling Effort) was extended through April 2007.

4.1.12. The draft final report for Phase VIII/IX/X is due to EPA on 30 March 2007. The report will include the completely revised workplan, a listing all of the meetings for the various committees through all phases, and an appendix including list of documents produced. EPA also requested a summary of the SRTPCP that describes the value added to the program through partnerships and how the work conducted under the program has prompted additional work beyond the program workplan.

4.2. Workplan & Budget

4.2.1. On 17 October 2006 EPA approved an amendment to the Waterborne Environmental Inc. contract to increase their modeling budget by \$16K.

4.2.2. On 30 October 2006 EPA approved an amendment to the Western Shasta RCD contract to add work and \$22K on the SWIM program.

4.2.3. On 8 November 2006 EPA approved a shift of \$1K from subtask 4b.6 to 4b.5 to increase the available funds for co-sponsorships.

4.2.4. In December 2006 EPA approved allocation of \$15K to a contract with EDAW consultants to conduct work under subtask 3a2.26 on an on-line permit assistance guide on the SRWP website.

4.2.5. On 10 January 2007 the District submitted the revised Grant workplan to EPA for approval.

4.2.6. On 17 January 2007 the District submitted to EPA Reimbursement Request # 14 for activities conducted through September 2006.

4.3. SRTPCP Coordinators

4.3.1. Coordinator (Kathy Russick)

4.3.1.1. Kathy worked with a technical writer to describe watershed health indicators in layperson's terms. This description will be integrated into the roadmap project (funded through a State Prop 40 grant).

4.3.1.2. Kathy is coordinating with EDAW contractors to develop an interactive, online creek restoration permit assistance guide, and with the Invasive Plant Council to develop website content on invasive weeds and a "Don't Plant a Pest" brochure.

- 4.3.1.3. Kathy coordinated the completion of the summary monitoring report. The report currently is being printed and will be announced in a press release this week.
 - 4.3.1.4. Kathy has been outreaching to agencies on a fundraising strategy for SRWP, the mainstem River monitoring program (there is a joint meeting with Regional Board Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program staff on 22 February from 1:00 to 4:30), and on the rural residential development program (she has been meeting with the Sierra Nevada Alliance and others to explore partnerships).
 - 4.3.1.5. In September Kathy coordinated with Jones & Stokes to host a workshop on environmental compliance. The workshop was well received by participants.
- 4.3.2. Education Coordinator (Mary Lee Knecht)
- 4.3.2.1. Mary Lee Facilitated two Public Outreach and Education Subcommittee (POES) meetings. POES, in partnership with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Sacramento County Stormwater Partnership Program, is developing a newspaper tabloid insert on watershed stewardship that is geared toward middle school students. The insert is scheduled for release in the Sacramento Bee in September 2007 to coincide with area salmon festivals. The tabloid will be accompanied by a lesson plan for teachers to use in the classroom.
 - 4.3.2.2. Mary Lee facilitated two Delta Tributaries Mercury Council meetings. Recently, meetings have consisted of presentations from State and Regional Board staff on mercury studies and development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).
 - 4.3.2.3. POES established a lending library partnership to forward their K-12 education program. The available funds supported Western Shasta RCD who purchased GIS units to lend to educators in their area, Butte County RCD who purchased water quality monitoring equipment, and Cache Creek Conservancy who purchased tools for use at their nature preserve (i.e., scat guides, etc.).
 - 4.3.2.4. POES sponsored a River of Words workshop at the Yolo County Board of Education on 20 January 2007. About 15 teachers attended.
 - 4.3.2.5. Mary Lee is working with water districts to ensure that watershed partnerships are included in projects funded under the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) and the newly voter-approved Proposition 84.
 - 4.3.2.6. The Education Coordinator work under the EPA grant is complete.
- 4.4. Annual Stakeholder Meeting

4.4.1. The Annual Stakeholder Meeting was held on 9 November 2006 and was largely attended by the Board of Trustees. The participants reviewed accomplishments and lessons learned in 2006 and began planning for 2007.

4.5. Water Quality Management Strategies Groups

4.5.1. Ag Issues Group

4.5.1.1. The pesticide modeling work being conducted by Waterborne Environmental, Inc is approximately two thirds complete and is proceeding to completion on schedule.

4.5.1.2. The SRWP Agriculture Strategy White Paper was completed and submitted to EPA, and approved in October 2006.

4.5.2. Delta Tributaries Mercury Council (DTMC)

4.5.2.1. The Department of Health Services is continuing their work on the risk communication and community outreach project. They requested their contract budget be increased by \$4400 to continue this work. That amount was leftover from a project to install signage in heavily fished areas in Sacramento County.

4.5.2.2. The US Geological Survey is approximately two thirds done with a study of mercury transformation processes in wetlands. SRTPCP funds were used for mercury and methyl mercury analysis to augment sediment work being done under the SRWP's Proposition 50 grant.

4.5.2.3. The Friends of Deer Creek have completed their mercury monitoring project and the District is awaiting their final report.

4.5.2.4. The next DTMC meeting is scheduled on 13 March 2007 at the District.

4.5.3. Toxicity Focus Group (TFG)

4.5.3.1. The TFG reviewed Don Weston's work on development of sediment TIE methods for identifying pyrethroid-caused toxicity. Don incorporated comments on the draft final report and submitted the final report to the District in December 2006. That report was approved by EPA in January 2007.

4.5.3.2. The TFG recently was notified of toxicity detected at several sites along the mainstem Sacramento River and several tributaries during the December 2006 monitoring event. The group currently is reviewing the data to determine what follow-up can be done.

4.6. SRWP Non-profit Organization

4.6.1. Much of the activities of the SRWP NPO were covered by Coordinator report above.

4.6.2. The SRWP hosted a fundraising dinner on 19 October 2006. Keynote speakers included Assemblymember Lois Wolk and the Mayor of West

Sacramento, Christopher Cabaldon. The program also included honoring Jerry Troyan and Bob Shanks for their work on the program.

4.6.3. The Board of Trustees will be participating in a Board retreat on 30 and 31 January 2007.

4.7. Monitoring Planning & Reports

4.7.1. The Coordinator report covered activities related to the summary monitoring report.

4.7.2. UC Berkeley work on unknown toxicity monitoring and sediment toxicity identification evaluation method development is complete and the final report is available now.

4.7.3. The next Watershed Monitoring Committee meeting will be a joint meeting with Regional Water Board SWAMP staff on 22 February 2007.

4.8. Resource Network

4.8.1. Western Shasta RCD is completing their work on the SWIM database. They are developing a brochure and collecting data from Lake Almanor for uploading to SWIM.

4.9. Contracts

4.9.1. In October the District signed a contract with Waterborne Environmental, Inc for \$16K to complete their pesticide modeling work.

4.9.2. In November 2006 the District signed a contract with UC Berkeley for \$28K to conduct additional work related unknown toxicity.

4.9.3. The District negotiated a contract with EDAW Inc. The contract likely will be submitted to the District's contracts office today and signed this week.

4.9.4. The District is working with DHS to write a contract amendment to add \$4400 for community outreach work.

4.9.5. The District will be approving two purchase orders for printing and layout of the summary monitoring report.

5. Next Meeting/Other

5.1. The next, and final, SRTPCP Grants Subcommittee meeting will be held on 14 May 2007 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Regional Water Board office.