



GBA Coordinating Committee Meeting

September 8, 2010 10:30 a.m.

California Water Service Company, Conference Room
1602 East Lafayette Street, Stockton, California

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- A. Discussion on IRWM Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package for Projects and Planning – Mark Williamson/Brandon Nakagawa
- Planning Grant Application
 - Project Grant Application
 - Project List
- B. Update on North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Project Plans – Ed Steffani

Future Agenda Items:

- Integrated Conjunctive Use Preferred Program Alternative and PEIR Finalization
- Groundwater Basin Recharge and Banking Operations

**The next regularly scheduled GBA Coordinating Committee meeting is
Sept. 22, 2010, 10:30 a.m.**

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Northern San Joaquin Groundwater Banking Authority
Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
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Follow up Items:

1. Members to determine if their respective boards will participate in funding Mr. Zuckerman's "Building Regional Water Self-Sufficiency" study.
2. Staff to develop USGS workshop suggestions for discussion.
3. GBA to begin work on known deficiencies in the current IWMP and talk with DWR about the new guidelines when they are released.
4. Staff to develop an impact matrix for use in selecting the "preferred" alternative.
5. Staff to provide County Counsel's opinion on the effect of selecting a "preferred" alternative on other projects outside the alternative.

A. Discussion on IRWM Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package for Projects and Planning – Mark Williamson/Brandon Nakagawa:

Mr. Nakagawa gave an overview of the process and stated staff received an estimate from Mr. Williamson on the time anticipated to complete the planning grant application. The estimate is approximately 120 hours of work by Mr. Williamson and an additional 120 hours of work from GBA staff. There is a \$107,000 fund balance prior to preparing the planning grant application which staff believes will be sufficient to cover the costs of the application. It is anticipated the local cost share for the planning grant will have to be raised through member contributions. Additional funds are likely to be necessary for the costs associated with an implementation grant if that is to be pursued.

As suggested by staff, the application for a planning grant could be designed to request funding for several endeavors. One component could be the overall upgrade of the existing IRWM to conform to DWR revised standards. This includes improved sections on Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), governance, and climate change. Additionally, improvements are desired within Chapter 8 which addresses the interregional project. Also, a request could be included to fund pre-design project planning for specific projects such as rehabilitation of the NSJWCD conveyance system. It was noted some projects not in the original IRWM still qualify for funding such as leak detection.

There was a discussion as to whether it is prudent to apply for a planning grant to update the IRWM when updating is only required as a condition of an implementation grant award. There was some thought given to waiting to see if the implementation grant was awarded and only updating the plan if the implementation grant application was successful. While some members originally were leaning in that direction, eventually there was agreement to move forward with a planning grant application to include the multiple components suggested by staff.

Mr. Kevin Kauffman offered it might be worth considering assigning preparation and associated costs of the planning grant application to the GBA and reconvening the Eastern Water Alliance (EWA) for the purpose of considering preparation and submission of an implementation grant.

Discussion around submission of an implementation grant included suggestions to develop a multi-project package. In addition to the benefits of applying for assistance with more than one project, it also could enable cost share to be assigned to the package rather than each individual project. The idea is that while one project may not have the capacity to provide its full cost share, as long as a nexus can be identified, other projects within the package might be able to pick up the difference. Also, this approach allows the package to contain a DAC portion rather than each project individually having to demonstrate this consideration. Mr. Nakagawa offered that census track information is available to help identify DACs by neighborhood.

Mr. Dante Nomellini suggested determining whether the Delta Water Supply local share could be utilized as part or the entire cost share. Mr. Jason Preece, DWR, said this idea should be explored to determine if it has merit. He also underscored the importance of including economic impact data within the application.

The group agreed to recommend to the board that Mr. Williamson should develop the planning grant application and associated costs be covered through the existing GBA fund balance. Mr. Williamson stated he can have the application “roughed out” within two weeks for presentation to the board at their next meeting.

B. Update on North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Plans – Ed Steffani:

Mr. Steffani stated there was not much new information to discuss. He brought the original plans for use by Mr. Williamson and others as needed. Mr. Kauffman offered to post the plans on a SharePoint site.

Future Agenda Items:

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- Integrated Conjunctive Use Preferred Program Alternative and PEIR Finalization
- Prop 84 Bond Funding
- Groundwater Basin Recharge and banking Operations

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