



# SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED STORMWATER RESOURCE PLAN INFORMATION SESSION

## MEETING AGENDA

DATE/TIME: January 19, 2022, 2:00pm-3:00pm

PROJECT NAME: Santa Ana River Watershed Stormwater Resource Plan

LOCATION: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) (link in calendar invitation)  
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### Meeting Objective

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of the Santa Ana River Watershed (SARW) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) development process, Planning Area boundaries and priorities, and future opportunities for contributing to the SWRP.

### Agenda

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| 1. Welcome                        | 5 min  |
| 2. SWRP Overview                  | 20 min |
| a. SWRP Background                |        |
| b. SARW SWRP Goals and Objectives |        |
| c. SWRP Schedule                  |        |
| 3. Planning Area and Priorities   | 15 min |
| a. Watershed Identification       |        |
| b. Watershed Priorities           |        |
| 4. Stakeholder Outreach           | 5 min  |
| 5. Next Steps                     | 5 min  |
| 6. Questions                      | 10 min |



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### STAKEHOLDER MEETING #1 MEETING NOTES

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Stormwater Resource Plan  
Stakeholder Meeting #1

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FACILITATED BY:

Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCWCD): Andrea Macias

Woodard & Curran (W&C): Brenda Ponton

ATTENDEES: See Attachment A

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The Santa Ana River Watershed (SARW) Stormwater Resurrect Plan (SWRP) Stakeholder Meeting #1 was opened by Andrea Macias from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCWCD) and led by Brenda Ponton from Woodard & Curran (W&C). Details on materials presented and talking points are not provided here as they are available in the meeting presentation.

## 1. SWRP OVERVIEW

Brenda Ponton provided an overview of SWRPs, including their purpose, types of eligible projects, goals and objectives, and major components. She also reviewed the SARW SWRP schedule, which includes three stakeholder meetings tentatively scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. The draft SARW SWRP is anticipated July 2022, and the final SARW SWRP is anticipated August 2022.

## 2. PLANNING AREA AND PRIORITIES

Brenda Ponton provided an overview of the SARW SWRP Planning Area, including coordination with local planning efforts, watershed identification, land use agencies within the Planning Area, 303(d)-listed water bodies, and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). She also provided an overview of the initial SARW priorities for the SWRP. Additional proposed watershed priorities raised by meeting attendees are summarized below.

- Lynn Merrill: The cities of Hemet and San Jacinto, as well as Lake Hemet Municipal Water District and Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), are in an adjudicated groundwater basin as a result of the Soboba settlement. How does the SARW SWRP tie to the adjudicated basins, and what do entities in adjudicated basins need to know for grant applications?
  - Brenda Ponton: It depends on the grant application. For the purposes of developing the SWRP, information on the project's capture and infiltration benefits are needed. All stormwater and dry-weather runoff projects are



discussed in the SWRP. Groundwater basins are discussed in the SWRP. Additional details can be added related to the adjudication.

- Swetaben Patel: The SWRP should include projects in the Greenbelt area of Riverside.
  - Brenda Ponton: The SWRP will include discussion about these types of projects.
- Maroun El-Hage (EMWD): Will forward question about other watershed priorities to consider for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects in the Planning Area to EMWD's Assistant General Manager to comment on behalf of EMWD.
- Lynn Merrill: There are a lot of projects underway to manage flood. There is an opportunity to have an integrated facility for flood control/groundwater capture in the western area of the City of Hemet.
- Behzad Sefighi (Caltrans District 8): There are major sediment issues from the slopes or roadways. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 is proposing to create basins to remove sediment to allow for water infiltration. One of the proposed projects is located on 79 and Gilman Springs Road in San Jacinto. CalTrans will also install more devices for trash capture to improve water quality.
- Jason Farag (City of Wildomar): A lot of the drainage area to Lake Elsinore relies on septic systems which contribute to the nutrient TMDL. Since septic to sewer conversions would reduce nutrient contributions to Lake Elsinore and groundwater, are these types of projects eligible for the SWRP?
  - Brenda Ponton: Though septic to sewer conversions would reduce nutrient contributions, this is not an eligible project type. SWRP projects must include stormwater or dry weather runoff capture.
- Adam Fischer (Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board): There are additional water bodies in the Planning Area that may be impacted by new development, including the West Hemet Vernal Pool Complex which is surrounded by development. Water quality issues arising from future residential growth should be addressed in the SWRP.
  - Brenda Ponton: Issues related to future development will be discussed in the SWRP and could be incorporated into the project prioritization.
- Erin Gettis (Riverside County Parks and Open Space District): Another major topic of concern for the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District are homeless encampments located in the Santa Ana River Bottom. These encampments contribute to trash and water quality issues in the area. Homeless encampments should be discussed in the SWRP and potentially considered as a watershed priority. Karen Spiegel from the County of Riverside Supervisor District 2 is leading the Homelessness Solutions Collaborative focused on the Santa Ana River Bottom.

### **3. STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH**

Brenda Ponton presented the stakeholder outreach efforts for the development of the SARW SWRP, including opportunities for engagement and upcoming stakeholder/public meetings.

### **4. NEXT STEPS**

Brenda Ponton presented the next steps for the SARW SWRP. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 pm to discuss project solicitation and prioritization. The call for projects is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> and aligns with the Santa Ana

Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) call for projects.



## 5. QUESTIONS

- Maroun El Hage: When was the last plan developed, and what projects were included?
  - Brenda Ponton: There is no existing plan – this will be the first SWRP developed for the Riverside County portion of the Santa Ana River Watershed.
- Maroun El Hage: Is there an existing collaborative effort?
  - Brenda Ponton: Stormwater or dry weather runoff capture projects included in the IRWM should be submitted to the SARW SWRP using the project submittal form that will be released next month.



**ATTACHMENT A: SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED STORMWATER  
RESOURCE PLAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING #1  
ATTENDEES**

- Aaron Anderson
- Adam Fescher
- Allison Mackenzie
- Amanda E. Gray
- Amy McNeill
- Andrea Macias
- Arlene Chun
- Behzad Sedighi
- Bobby Gustafson
- Brenda Ponton
- Brett Mills
- Bryant K. Hill
- Carlos Norvani
- Cassandra Sanchez
- Chris Berch
- Chris Mann
- Christina Taylor
- Dan Cortese
- Darcy Kuenzi
- Diana
- Doug Edwards
- Dustin Christensen
- Emily Stadnik
- Erin Gettis
- Greg Herzog
- Ian Achimore
- Jan Bulinki
- Jason Farag
- Jeanne McLeod
- Jeff Mosher
- Joe Bellomo
- Joseph Caldwell
- Julian Chang
- Julie C.
- Justin Nakano
- Katie Hockett
- Kevin O'Toole
- Kimberly Colbert
- Kirols Nashed
- Kris Hanson
- Leighanne Kirk
- Leo Ferrando
- Lynn Merrill
- Maira
- Marco Billings
- Mark Norton
- Maroun El-Hage
- Matt Smith
- Melissa Estrada-Maravilla
- Menu Leddy
- Michael D. Roberts
- Michael Mori
- Nicolette Jonkhoff
- Pat Boldt
- Patrick Lewis
- Paul B. Caswell
- Rachel Johnson
- Richard Meyerhoff
- Rick Neugebauer
- Rick Whetsel
- Robert Williams
- Saval Khamphou
- Steven Wolosoff
- Stormy Osifeso
- Sudhir Mohleji
- SueAnn Neal
- Swetaben Patel
- T. Milford Harrison
- Vanessa De Anda
- Victoria McGruer
- William McDonnell