



RIVERSIDE COUNTY

SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED STORMWATER RESOURCE PLAN INFORMATION SESSION

MEETING AGENDA

DATE/TIME: May 4, 2022, 2:00pm-3:00pm
PROJECT NAME: Riverside County 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 Riverside County Santa Ana River Watershed (SARW) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP), draft prioritized project list, SWRP benefits, and plan implementation.

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | 5 min |
| 2. SWRP Overview | 5 min |
| 3. SWRP Project Solicitation and Prioritization | 20 min |
| a. Project Solicitation Overview | |
| b. Draft Prioritized Project List | |
| c. SWRP Project Benefits | |
| 4. SWRP Implementation | 10 min |
| 5. Next Steps | 5 min |
| 6. Questions | 15 min |

Attachment

- SWRP Project Summary Table



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STAKEHOLDER MEETING #3 MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Santa Ana River Watershed
Stormwater Resource Plan
Stakeholder Meeting #3

MEETING DATE: May 4, 2022

LOCATION: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
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ISSUED DATE: May 11, 2022

FACILITATED BY:

Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD): Andrea Macias

Woodard & Curran (W&C): Brenda Ponton

ATTENDEES: See Attachment A

The Riverside County Santa Ana River Watershed (SARW) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) Stakeholder Meeting #3 was opened by Andrea Macias from the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) 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 provided an overview of SWRPs, including their purpose, goals and objectives, and major components, as well as an overview of the SARW SWRP Planning Area. The major components currently being developed include quantitative methods, identification and prioritization of projects, and implementation strategy and schedule. Brenda also reviewed the SARW SWRP schedule, which includes three stakeholder meetings held on January 19th, February 16th, and May 4th, 2022. The draft SARW SWRP is anticipated in July 2022, and the final SARW SWRP is anticipated by late summer 2022.

2. SWRP PROJECT SOLICITATION AND PRIORITIZATION

Brenda provided an overview of the SWRP project solicitation process. There were 16 projects submitted by various agencies during the Call for Projects, which were then screened for eligibility, scored, and prioritized. The criteria for project prioritization included an evaluation of the SWRP main and additional benefits, project feasibility, watershed priorities, and quantified benefits. Approximately half of the projects are conceptual, meaning they are early in the development phases (e.g., project partners are still being identified and benefits quantified). Non-conceptual projects typically receive higher scores because they are further developed and more likely to provide quantifiable benefits that meet the watershed priorities. The final prioritized project list will be available on the SARW SWRP webpage (<https://rcwatershed.org/watersheds/middle-santa-ana-river-watershed/engagement/>).



Brenda also reviewed the quantified water quality, water supply, flood management, environmental, and community benefits provided by the SWRP projects.

- Darcy Kuenzi: How are benefits calculated for contributions made to the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)?
 - Brenda: “Environmental benefits” is one of five benefit categories that was used to prioritize the projects. The Project Information Form includes recommended units (e.g., acres) to quantify these benefits, which may include things like improving, enhancing, protecting, or restoring areas.

3. SWRP IMPLEMENTATION

Brenda presented the SWRP implementation strategy, which consists of implementing the projects, monitoring the benefits, and evaluating progress toward meeting the SWRP objectives. The project list and project information will be updated during future Calls for Projects as funding becomes available. Project proponents will be responsible for seeking funding and implementing their projects. The SWRP will also be submitted to the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Plan for incorporation. The SWRP is a living document that will be adaptively managed and updated at least every 5 years. The regional priorities and strategies may be revised as more data becomes available.

4. NEXT STEPS

Brenda Ponton presented the next steps for the SARW SWRP. Comments on the draft prioritized project list should be submitted to Andrea Macias at almacias@rivco.org by May 13th. Once the comments have been reviewed and the project list updated, a revised project list will be posted on the SARW SWRP website (<https://rcwatershed.org/watersheds/middle-santa-ana-river-watershed/engagement/>). The final SWRP will also be posted on the SARW SWRP webpage, tentatively scheduled for August 2022. Email announcements will be sent out to the stakeholder email list when this information is available.

5. QUESTIONS

- Ian Archimore: When will the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) receive the final SARW SWRP for adoption in the OWOW Plan?
 - Brenda: The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will review the SWRP before it is considered final. Once the SWRCB verifies the SWRP is compliant with the Water Code requirements, the SWRP will need to be submitted to the OWOW Plan. Assuming the SWRP is submitted to the SWRCB in August 2022, to the review may take a few months before the SWRP is ready for the OWOW Plan submittal. SAWPA can review the SWRP before then.
 - Amy: The schedule is contingent upon the SWRCB schedule. RCFC&WCD will share progress updates with SAWPA.
- Amy: RCFC&WCD is in the process of uploading all projects submitted to the OWOW Program database.
 - Andrea: Project leads will receive a confirmation email that their project has been submitted. All projects will be submitted by the end of next week.



- Lynn Merrill: The Call for Projects has been a good process for the City of Hemet to move projects forward. The timing of the SWRP with the permit renewal is perfect to demonstrate progress.
- Amy: Note that a lot of the projects that show the RCFC&WCD as the lead have multiple partners; RCFC&WCD just took the lead on submitting the Project Information Form.
- Lynn: RCFC&WCD should consider doing a press release about the SWRP to showcase benefits to the watersheds.



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