



SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED STORMWATER RESOURCE PLAN INFORMATION SESSION

MEETING AGENDA

DATE/TIME: June 8, 2023, 9:00am-10:00am

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 update on the Santa Ana River Watershed (SARW) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) and the process for adding your project to the SWRP project list.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. SWRP Overview
 - a. Background and Goals
 - b. Schedule
3. SWRP Project List
 - a. Purpose
 - b. Existing Project List
 - c. Project Opportunities
4. SWRP Project Solicitation
 - a. Project Submittal Process
 - b. Project Prioritization
5. Next Steps and Additional Questions



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STAKEHOLDER MEETING #4 MEETING NOTES

PROJECT: Santa Ana River Watershed
Stormwater Resource Plan
Stakeholder Meeting #4

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2023

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Meeting

ISSUED DATE: June 9, 2023

FACILITATED BY:

Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD): Rohini Mustafa

Woodard & Curran (W&C): Brenda Ponton

ATTENDEES: See Attachment A

The Riverside County Santa Ana River Watershed (SARW) Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) Information Session was opened 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 the SWRP, including its purpose, goals, objectives, planning area extent, and major components. The Riverside County SARW SWRP was submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and to the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) Plan in October 2022. The SARW SWRP received SWRCB concurrence in December 2022 and was adopted by the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) in March 2023. Brenda also reviewed the SARW SWRP schedule. The Call for Projects opened in June 2023 and the project list will be updated in August 2023.

2. SWRP PROJECT LIST

Brenda provided an overview of the benefits of adding a project to the SWRP and the existing SWRP prioritized project list and benefit quantification. There were 16 projects submitted by various agencies during the Call for Projects, which were then screened for eligibility, scored, and prioritized. 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 may be scored higher because they are further developed and more likely to provide quantified benefits.

- Ian Achimore: How are feasibility studies scored and ranked as compared to construction projects?
 - Brenda: One scoring criterion is project status. Construction projects will score higher in this criterion compared to conceptual projects because they are



ready to be implemented. Outside of this criterion, projects will be scored similarly.

- Ian: Was the scoring criteria updated since the last Call for Projects?
 - Brenda: No, the scoring criteria was not updated since the 2022 Call for Projects. However, there will be opportunities to update the criteria in the future to align with new priorities and funding opportunities.
- Carlos Geronimo: What kind of source control devices are eligible under the SARW SWRP?
 - Brenda: Onsite/distributed capture, reuse, and infiltration is common. Any projects that address source control may apply as long as they include the use of stormwater and dry weather run off.

3. SWRP PROJECT SOLICITATION

Brenda provided an overview of the SWRP project solicitation and prioritization process, project eligibility, and quantified benefits metrics. The Call for Projects is open through August 3, 2023. Stakeholders who want to add a project to the SARW SWRP should submit a completed Project Submittal Form to Rohini Mustafa at RoMustaf@rivco.org. Stakeholders should also add their project to the OWOW IRWM Plan at <https://www.sawpa.net/prop1r2/main.htm>. Submitting a project to the OWOW IRWM Plan is a separate submittal process and submittal form. Check SAWPA's website for more information.

- Ian: Why are the projects ranked in the SARW SWRP? Is that a requirement?
 - Brenda: Yes, it is a Water Code requirement in the SWRP Guidelines to prioritize the projects.
 - Ian: In a future funding opportunity, will RCFC&WCD consider being the lead agency in applying for a suite of projects?
 - Rohini: Yes, that is a possibility. It will depend on project benefits, how the projects align with our mission, and our capacity. This is something that we interested in pursuing.

4. NEXT STEPS AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Brenda presented the next steps for the SARW SWRP. The Call for Projects is open now through August 3, 2023. The Project Submittal Forms should be submitted to Rohini Mustafa at RoMustaf@rivco.org. Projects should also be submitted to the OWOW IRWM. The project list will be updated in the fall 2023 and will be emailed to the stakeholder contact list and posted on the website: <https://rcwatershed.org/watersheds/middle-santa-ana-river-watershed/engagement/>. Stakeholders are encouraged to reach out to RCFC&WCD with ideas for project collaboration and partnerships.

- Ian: Does the Project Submittal Form include the link to submit the project to the OWOW Plan?



- Brenda: The link is included in the presentation, and we can email the link to the stakeholders.
- Sweta Patel: Can you share the presentation slides?
 - Brenda: Yes, we will email a copy of the presentation to the stakeholders and will have it posted on the SWRP webpage.
- Aldo Licitra: Do each of the current 16 projects on the list have an equal opportunity to obtain funding? Will funding be divided between the 16 projects?
 - Brenda: All projects included in the SWRP project list meet the Proposition 1 eligibility requirement to be included in a SWRP (i.e., Proposition 1 requires any stormwater or dry weather runoff capture projects seeking funding be included in a SWRP). Inclusion in the SWRP project list does not impact whether the project will get funded through a grant beyond meeting the eligibility requirement and showing the project is part of regional planning. Project leads still need to submit separate grant applications to obtain funding.



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