

# Stakeholder Meeting Notes

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## Stanislaus Multi-Agency Regional Storm Water Resource Plan

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Stakeholder Outreach Meeting 2</b>	
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jennifer Kidson / Woodard & Curran	<b>Attendees:</b> Hawkeye Sheene, Jennifer Kidson (W&C); Tony Marshall (Oakdale); Maria Encinas (City of Patterson); Edgar Garibay (Tuolumne River Trust/Airport); Spencer Joplin (SWRCB); 3 other attendees who did not join the voice portion of the call
<b>Date/Time:</b>	December 6, 2017, 1:00pm–2:00pm	
<b>Location:</b>	<a href="#">Join Skype Meeting</a> via link Conference Call / (405) 735-9405 Conference ID 6590361	
<b>Project Number:</b>	0635001.00	

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## 1. Meeting Objectives

- Review the SWRP purpose and process
- Review project solicitation
- Demonstrate use of OPTI to enter a project
- Answer questions on project submission
- Review project submission deadline

## 2. Discussion Summary

- Hawkeye Sheene from Woodard & Curran (W&C) provided background on the Stanislaus Multi-Agency Regional SWRP (Stanislaus SWRP), the SWRP schedule, SWRP goals and objectives, and watershed boundaries and priorities.
  - Stanislaus County received a Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to complete a SWRP by July 2018.
  - Major SWRP requirements include watershed/planning area identification; water quality compliance; organization, coordination, collaboration; quantitative methods; identification and prioritization of projects; implementation strategy and schedule; and education, outreach, public participation.
  - The project schedule calls for an Administrative Draft SWRP to be completed by March 2018 and a final SWRP by July 2018. The project solicitation period began on October 23, 2017, and will run through December 8, 2017.
  - The role of the SWRP in the grant funding process was reviewed (i.e., all storm water and dry weather runoff capture projects must be included in a SWRP in order to receive future state grant funding, including funding from other state grant programs).
  - The SWRP goals and objectives include providing watershed-based planning to address challenges and opportunities for managing storm water and dry weather runoff; and identifying and prioritizing storm water and dry weather runoff projects that provide multiple benefits to help achieve watershed and regional planning goals.
  - The OPTI online tool is being used to facilitate project submission. This tool was built on the existing framework from the East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (ESIRWMP). Project proponents will submit their

projects through this system (or via hard copy if desired). Components specific to the SWRP have been added to OPTI. This allows for project screening, submission of SWRP-specific information, and determination of SWRP benefits.

- Jennifer Kidson (W&C) demonstrated use of the OPTI website and walked through the OPTI submission process.
  - Users can create login information. They will then need to provide additional information on their affiliation and contact information in order to be approved as a community member. Once they have been designated as a community member, they can create projects.
  - Because the ESIRWMP and SWRP both use the same platform, some tabs are only relevant to the SWRP. All tabs were reviewed during the demonstration, since some users may want to submit their project to the ESIRWMP while they are gathering information.
  - The ESIRWM Instructions, ESIRWM Requirements, and ESIRWM Benefits tabs are only relevant to users submitting a project to the ESIRWMP. The ESIRWMP requires projects to be sponsored by an eligible applicant, located in the East Stanislaus Region, and meet at least one regional objective, one Resource Management Strategy, and one statewide priority.
  - The Project Info, Contact, Description, Feasibility, Cost/Funding, and Other Considerations should be filled out regardless of whether a project is being submitted to the SWRP or ESIRWMP.
  - Project proponents should enter their desired plan (ESIRWMP and/or SWRP), project name, organization, and location on the Project Info tab. Location may be added as a coordinate, selected on an interactive map, or uploaded as a shapefile.
  - Contact information for a primary and secondary contact may be entered on the Contact tab.
  - The Description tab includes information on the project category (conceptual vs. ready to proceed), the type of project (infrastructure, planning, outreach, etc.), and project partners and stakeholders. Project proponents provide a narrative project description and can also indicate whether the project is a pilot project.
  - Project proponents should enter as much information on the status of various project components (e.g., design, environmental documentation, construction) on the Feasibility tab. Items may be left blank, but project proponents are asked to be as complete as possible.
  - Cost information for the project overall, as well as specific components, may be entered on the Cost/Funding Tab. As with the Feasibility tab, items may be left blank, but the more information provided the better. Ballpark costs are acceptable here.
  - The Other Considerations tab includes questions on disadvantaged community benefits, climate change adaptation, Native American tribal interests, project performance and monitoring, and technical feasibility.
  - On the SWRP Eligibility tab, project proponents **must** answer yes to the four eligibility questions to be included in the SWRP. Proponents can also enter information about their project's ability to: support the goals of existing TMDLs; reducing pollutant discharges into 303(d)-listed impaired water bodies; recharge groundwater; and benefit disadvantaged communities.

- On the SWRP Benefits tab, project proponents enter benefits for the five benefit categories: water quality, water supply, flood management, community, and environmental. Project proponents can also enter quantitative information on each benefit, if available. Project proponents should also describe how the project will achieve the selected benefits, and describe the method used to obtain quantitative information, if applicable.
- One project proponent asked for an extension, since she was being asked to help input a large list of detailed projects (rather than just conceptual). It was determined that project submission would remain open until Tuesday, December 12 in order to help project proponents finish entering projects.

### **3. Action Items**

No action items resulted from this meeting.

### **4. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next SWRP meeting is yet to be scheduled, but will occur after the release of the Public Draft of the SWRP.