

**TAC Meeting Notes**

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**Stanislaus County Multi-Agency Regional Storm Water Resource Plan**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Kickoff Meeting</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> Dhyan Gilton, Frederic Clark (Stanislaus County), Miguel Alvarez, Jim Alves (Modesto), Karen Morgan (Waterford), Maria Encinas (Patterson), Spencer Joplin (SWRCB), Leslie Dumas, Hawkeye Sheene, Brian Van Lienden (W&C)
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Hawkeye Sheene / Woodard & Curran	
<b>Date/Time:</b>	October 5, 2017, 9:00am–11:00am	
<b>Location:</b>	County Public Works 1010 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Modesto, CA 95354	
<b>Project Number:</b>	0635001.00	

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***Meeting Objectives***

- Kick off the Stanislaus County Multi-Agency Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP)
- Review plan preparation approach and schedule
- Review TAC roles and responsibilities
- Receive input on SWRP Goals and Priorities
- Receive input on SWRP Project Prioritization Process

***Discussion Summary***

- Hawkeye Sheene from Woodard & Curran (W&C) gave an overview of the Stanislaus County SWRP, the SWRP schedule and key near term tasks.
  - 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 July 2018 date was originally set in anticipation of a summer 2018 date for Storm Water Grant Program Round 2 funding, but a date for Round 2 funding has not yet been set.
  - Data collection was identified as a key near term task. The TAC discussed a handout that identified documents and data collected to date and remaining data needs. It was noted that data collection needs are applicable to cities as well as to the County. Miguel Alvarez indicated that the City of Modesto has some of the data identified in the data needs table and that he is the appropriate contact person to obtain it.

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- The draft SWRP Monitoring Plan and QAPP were provided to the SWRCB on September 29<sup>th</sup>. RMC will provide a copy of those documents to the TAC members.
- Hawkeye Sheene (W&C) gave an overview of the TAC roles and responsibilities and anticipated meeting schedule.
  - The TAC will provide input on project assessment and prioritization process development, facilitate stakeholder outreach, provide available reports and data, solicit multiple-benefit storm water projects, and provide comments on SWRP elements. Due to the accelerated project schedule, the TAC will typically have a review period of approximately 3-5 days.
  - 5 TAC meetings, 2 stakeholder meetings and 1 public workshop are scheduled to be held between October 2017 and April 2018.
  - The draft stakeholder list was discussed, and the importance of ensuring that irrigation districts and disadvantaged communities are well represented. The TAC will review and add to the draft stakeholder list prior to announcement of the first stakeholder meeting.
- Hawkeye Sheene (W&C) led a discussion of the SWRP goals and objectives, watershed/planning area identification, and watershed/planning area priorities.
  - Proposed 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 SWRP planning area is Stanislaus County, which includes portions of the East Stanislaus and Westside San Joaquin IRWM areas.
  - Stanislaus County includes 6 watersheds, 2 of which cover most of the County: 1) Middle San Joaquin – Lower Merced – Lower Stanislaus; 2) Panoche – San Luis Reservoir
  - There was a discussion about the storm water outfall sites that will be sampled as part of SWRP development. It was noted that the list of sampling sites could be modified if needed, but that the outfall sites selected for sampling include those that are not currently sampled by another entity.
  - The TAC agreed with the proposed list of watershed priorities:
    - 1) Implement water quality improvements to support TMDL goals;
    - 2) Reduce pollutant discharges into 303(d) listed impaired water bodies; (revised from Reduce discharges into 303(d) listed impaired water bodies)
    - 3) Implement storm water capture/groundwater recharge into groundwater basins.
  - Water quality priorities, based on existing TMDLs and 303(d) lists, were discussed. The draft list was revised based on the following comments:

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- The San Joaquin River Dissolved Oxygen TMDL should not be included in the TMDL list because it is not affected by Stanislaus County runoff.
- Boron should not be included in the list of priority pollutants because its TMDL is not representative to storm water concerns in the planning area.
- Brian Van Lienden (W&C) led a discuss of SWRP project solicitation and prioritization.
  - The project solicitation and prioritization process needs to be complete by December 2017, per the funding agreement schedule.
  - Project solicitation will utilize the OPTI data management system developed for the East Stanislaus IRWMP, with additional fields added that are specific to the Stanislaus County SWRP.
  - The SWRP will utilize SWRP Main Benefits and Additional Benefits specified in the SWRCB’s SWRP Guidelines. The TAC discussed the suggested metrics to be used for each Benefit.
  - The first step in Project prioritization is project eligibility, which specifies the requirements that all projects included in the SWRP must meet. These include being sponsored by an eligible applicant, being a storm water or dry weather runoff project, and providing at least 2 Main Benefits and 1 Additional Benefit.
  - Eligible projects will be prioritized using a scoring system that follows the guidance provided in the SWRP Guidelines. The proposed scoring system assigned points for having funding in place; addressing regional watershed priorities; and providing SWRP Main and Additional Benefits. The TAC discussed changes to the proposed project scoring system, including:
    - Revise public land language to provide credit for projects located on public land or that have an easement in place.
    - Revise language to provide credit for projects that reduce pollutant discharges into a 303(d) listed impaired water body (as opposed to proposed credit for projects that reduce discharges into a 303(d) listed impaired water body)
    - Remove proposed credit for study/planning document
    - Provide credit for benefiting a Disadvantaged Community
    - Add a category providing credit for “Readiness Factors”
  - The TAC discussed whether planning projects should be included in the SWRP or only implementation projects. It was decided that planning projects will be included but that they will be ranked separately from implementation projects and that only implementation projects will be included in the list of prioritized projects in the SWRP.

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**Action Items**

The following table summarizes the action items resulting from the meeting.

Item No.	Responsible Party		Due Date	Task/Action Item
	Organization	Name		
1	W&C	Hawkeye Sheene	10/09/2017	Submit to TAC: Revised project prioritization handout Stakeholder List Monitoring Plan and QAPP Data Collection List TAC Kickoff Meeting Notes
2	Stanislaus County	Frederic Clark	10/10/2017	Reserve room for stakeholder meeting
3	Stanislaus County	Frederic Clark	10/10/2017	Email stakeholder meeting announcement to stakeholder list
4	TAC members	All TAC members	10/11/2017	Provide contact information for potential stakeholders not included in existing Stakeholder List
3	TAC members	All TAC members	10/11/2017	Provide any relevant reports, plans or data for the Data Collection List
2	Stanislaus County	Frederic Clark	10/12/2017	Email stakeholder meeting announcement to revised stakeholder list
2	TAC members	All TAC members	10/13/2017	Provide comments to project prioritization/project scoring criteria
3	TAC members	All TAC members	through November	Solicit projects to be included in the SWRP

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next SWRP meeting is yet to be scheduled, but may be coordinated with East Stanislaus IRWMP SC/PAC Meeting #7 / ESRWMP Meeting #2.