

Steering Committee Notes

Meeting held: Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Forty-eight people attended the Steering Committee meeting held on June 17th. A quick overview of the key highlights:

John Hopkins welcomed the gathering and spoke briefly about the momentum that the HCP effort has gained in recent months.

Municipal Services Agency Administrator Paul Hahn explained the partnership group including the Cities of Galt, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, SRCSD and the County of Sacramento, has been working collaboratively for the past year or so to advance the HCP. Now the group is taking the next step to submit the preliminary draft SSHCP to the Steering Committee. Chapters 1 through 6 are available today and the remaining chapters will be posted within several weeks.

Stuart Somach provided perspective on the big picture timeline. He noted that all the government agencies, including the state and federal resource agencies, want to achieve the January 2011 timeline. This timeline accelerates work schedules, which means that work conducted with the Steering Committee will be paralleled with conversations with the resource agencies.

The Steering Committee will have 90-days to review the preliminary draft document in preparation for the administrative draft to be sent to the federal register. The first of monthly resource agency meeting is June 25th. The goal for producing the administrative draft document is the end of September.

The Implementing Agreement is in draft form and will be updated over the summer by the attorney's group. The EIR/EIS preparers have begun work on background documents and will work in concert with the preliminary draft review.

The overview document and table of contents were reviewed and will also be posted to the website.

There will be as series of at least seven 2-hr Steering Committee meetings to review chapters. The meetings will be held on Thursdays in the 3rd floor break room from 11:30 to 1:30. These meetings will be policy oriented and are not editing sessions. Discussion topics are due to Michele McCormick ({ HYPERLINK "mailto:m.mccormick@circlepoint.com" }) one week prior to the Chapter review. Additional time and meetings may be required for certain chapters. Textual edits may be sent to Vincent King ({ HYPERLINK "mailto:kingv@saccounty.net" }). It is best to submit comments during the chapter review period rather than waiting until the end of the 90-day period.

7/9 – Chapters 1 through 3, discussion topics due by 7/2
7/16 – Chapters 4 & 5, discussion topics due by 7/9
7/23 – Chapter 6, discussion topics due by 7/16
7/30 – Chapter 7, discussion topics due by 7/23
8/6 – Chapter 8, discussion topics due by 7/30
8/13 – Chapter 9, discussion topics due by 8/6
8/20 – Chapter 10, discussion topics due by 8/13

Economic and 404/401 meetings will be scheduled for early/mid July. These meetings will occur prior to distribution of relevant sections of the document.

The Steering Committee will meet again:

Thursday, July 9, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
3rd Floor Breakroom, 700 H Street

The purpose of that meeting will be a discussion of topics of concern in SSHCP Preliminary Draft chapters 1 through 3.