

**STAKEHOLDER MEETING #1 MINUTES**  
**Prado Basin Master Plan Update and Environmental Resources Inventory**  
**Contract No. W912PL-14-D-0054 Task Order 0010**

**Meeting Date:** January 19, 2017

**Location:** Inland Empire Utilities Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, CA 91708

Attendees	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Project Team Staff	Stakeholders
Megan Wong, USACE	Ric Welch, Jurupa Community Services District
Eileen Takata, USACE	David McMichael, OCWD
Katie Parks, USACE	Natalia Doshi, OCWD
Hayley Lovan, USACE	Bonnie Johnson, OCWD
Chris Jones, USACE	Cameron Macbeth, OCWD
Damien Lariviere, USACE	Greg Woodside, OCWD
Willie Starks, USACE	Dick Zembal, OCWD
Wendy Loeffler, RECON	Marsha Westropp, OCWD
	AJ Gerber, San Bernardino County Regional Parks
	Ben Lewis, Thomas Harder + Company
	Jason Pivovarov, IEUA
	Mehdi Munoz, IEUA
	Jason Marseilles, IEUA
	Nadeem Majaj, Chino Hills
	Amy Bonczewski, Ontario
	Jason Uhley, Riverside County Flood
	Kevin Blakeslee, San Bernardino County Flood
	Ken Eke, San Bernardino County Flood
	David Lovell, San Bernardino County Flood
	Melody Aimar, SAWA
	Hugh Wood, SAWA
	James Law, SAWA
	Jessie Ortiz, SAWA
	Dave Woelfel, SARWQCB
	Raul Garibay, City of Pomona
	Edgar Tellez Foster, CBWM
	Andy Malone, Wildermuth Environmental
	Jesus Plasencia, City of Chino
	Edith Martinez, CDFW
	Claire Ingel, CDFW
	Ryan Shaw, Western MWD
	Jeff Ernst, Orange County Public Works
	Mehdi Sabhoni, Orange County Public Works
	Peter Sanzenbacher, USFWS-Palm Springs
	Kai Palenscar, USFWS-Palm Springs
	David Ruhl, SAWPA
	Mallory Gandara, Western MWD
	Sandra Rose, Monte Vista Water District

## **Purpose:**

The intent of this first stakeholder meeting was to update the general public and other interested Prado Basin stakeholders on the current Master Plan Update process as well as to provide updates to other key projects occurring within the basin.

## **Agenda:**

- 1) **Welcome and Self-Introductions**
- 2) **Overview of USACE Roles and Responsibilities within Prado Basin:** Eileen Takata, USACE, provided a brief description of USACE activities and roles with regards to the Prado Basin.
- 3) **Santa Ana River Mainstem (Flood Risk Management) Project Overview:** Damien Lariviere, USACE, presented a brief overview of the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project. When would the project be completed? Likely award date of the spillway raising is around 2020.
- 4) **Prado Basin Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study Overview:** Chris Jones, USACE, presented a brief overview of the Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study, which will include habitat restoration and increased water conservation behind Prado Dam. A draft report with the Tentatively Selected Plan will be released for public review later this year. Someone asked about the green target areas, which were clarified as areas where restoration measures were likely to occur. Someone noted there is a lot of Arundo, and Hayley responded that restoration of all habitat is not likely, even though the green “target areas” show large areas of land.
- 5) **Prado Dam Master Plan Update Review:** Wendy Loffler, RECON Environmental, provided a description and status of the current Master Plan Update process. This described the various changes and pressures the Prado Basin faces that were not present or accounted for in the original 1976 document, including an increase regional population, sensitive biological resources, water conservation needs, recreation use, etc. The Master Plan Update will focus on USACE-owned lands and will include an analysis on current land use that is intended to provide a framework for future management decisions on those lands.
- 6) **Group Discussion:** Led by Eileen Takata, comments captured below.

## **Stakeholder Input (from Q/A Discussion)**

- What is the approval process for the draft Master Plan?
  - A Dependent upon the recommendations made and the need for a NEPA component.
- Water Conservation Component?
- Impacts to leases, water conservation operations?
- Please make the PowerPoints available
- Public meetings?

- Recommendations on USACE lands only-broader context
- Consider wildlife corridor
- What does the Master Plan do?
  - A Land use management tool
- Is SARM mitigation over?
  - A No
- When can restoration work be credited to feasibility study-trigger date?
- Continue coordination regarding shot-hole borer issues
- San Bernardino County parks is working on a Master Plan for the Prado parks within their jurisdiction
- San Bernardino County 1,500-acre easement, flood control in Riverside County.
- Coordinate with Eastvale, Jurupa Valley Land Use Authority, Corona, Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency
- Coordinate with California State Parks
- Chino Hills State Park Connectivity
- City of Chino Pine Avenue improvements and planned sewer lift station
- IEUA Programmatic EIR (wastewater, recycling)
- Western Riverside County MSHCP
- San Bernardino County-Proposition 70-Break up of dairies → Recreation
- FWS-HCP-Upper Santa Ana River (Prado Basin in Action Area)
- Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority-Inland Empire Brine Line ongoing O&M/access
- Chino Basin Water Master and IEUA/OCWD- Data Monitoring Habitat for groundwater/surface water
- In-Lieu fee program
- Consider Smaller Landowners/Leasees (e.g. Chino Airport–outside; Corona–inside)
- Adaptive Management Plan-monitoring data exchange
- OCWD does sensitive species monitoring on USACE/OCWD lands (least Bell's vireo, etc.)–they are stewards monitoring the entire basin
- OCWD Sucker restoration experiment above River Road–10 gabions in place
- List of stakeholder jurisdictions: City of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Jurupa Valley, Eastvale, Norco, Corona, unincorporated San Bernardino County, Riverside County
- List of stakeholder agencies: WMWD, Corona Utilities, Jurupa Community Services District, Santa Ana Water Com., Caltrans, Riverside County Transportation Commission, BNSF Railway, Southern California Edison, Riverside County Transportation District, Metropolitan Water District
- OCWD Basin Master plan-is there one in existence?
- Chino Creek Master Plan-IEUA-10 years old
- Need to address Burrowing Owls
- Reduced flows of Publicly Owned Treatment Works discharges in the future, as jurisdictions in the upper basin choose to store more water for their own conservation purposes
- Climate Change–should consider how a drier landscape in the future may result in habitat conversion over time
- Consider local recreational opportunities by Jurupa Community Services District; wastewater treatment plant; and highest/best water reuse

- San Bernardino Valley MWD-manage flows
- Need to consider NMFS coordination regarding southern steelhead
- OCWD/Riverside County Lease-diversion channel is under a recreation lease to USACE-Why? Mitigation under recreation lease
  - A Master Plan Look at this issue

If you have any comments, questions, or revisions to the minutes, please contact Wendy Loeffler at 619-308-9333, ext. 113 or [wloeffler@reconenvironmental.com](mailto:wloeffler@reconenvironmental.com).