

REPORT TO CORE GROUP
From
Watershed Council Support Subgroup

Below are the minutes of the Subgroup from its 9 Feb 2004 meeting along with action item status.

Minutes of Watershed Council Support Subgroup
9 Feb 2004

Attendees: Mondy Lariz, Lorrie Gervin, Richard McMurtry

Agenda:

1. Select Name
2. Status of Watershed Council
3. Needs of Watershed Council
4. Actions items for Subgroup

Minutes:

1. Select Name
 - a. Group considered:
 - i. WACOS (**W**Atershed **C**ouncils Support Subgroup)
 - ii. WACSUPS (**W**Atershed **C**ouncils **S**UPport Subgroup)
 - iii. SUWCS (**S**Upport of **W**atershed **C**ouncils Subgroup)
 - b. Group decided on: Watershed Councils Support Subgroup (WCS Subgroup) with one dissenter supporting WACOS
2. Status of Watershed Council
 - a. The informal ad-hoc group focused on creating a Stevens-Permanente Creek Watershed Council formally constituted itself as a Watershed Council in Aug 2003.
 - b. The SPC WSC does not have formal legal status but is in the process of securing a fiscal agent under the auspices of Acterra.
 - c. WSC is in process of finalizing "governance document" similar to San Francisquito Watershed Council.
 - d. A proposal has been submitted to the Regional Board by the City of Palo Alto to do a "Supplementary Environmental Project" as part of fulfillment of payment of penalties for a POTW effluent violation. The proposal would fund SPC WSC to conduct citizen monitoring, including BAMBI/SWAMP-type monitoring (invertebrates, habitat typing). (2/20/04 update: Regional Board has accepted the SEP and the SPC WSC is preparing a detailed plan.)
 - e. Next meeting Feb 12th @ 4 pm, Sunnyvale Community Center
3. Needs of Watershed Council
 - a. The strategic needs defined by the WSC are to get involved with a project that has momentum, e.g. the Permanente Creek Flood Control Project.
 - b. The specific needs defined by the WSC are:
 - (1) office space
 - (2) meeting space (rotating amongst relevant cities)
 - (3) monitoring equipment/ GIS equipment and software
 - (4) training funds (GIS)

- (5) grant writing
 - (6) funding for general support
 - (7) Data sharing with City/SCVWD, others
 - c. The advantages were discussed of developing a technical linkage with SCVURPP so that the SPCWSC could benefit from the technical insight into the interpretation of water quality data and providing technical support for the WSC's advocacy efforts, e.g. coliform monitoring in streams.
 - d. The advantages were discussed of organizing a meeting between the WMI WSC and key folks on the SPCWC to meet with Dennis Bowker of CALFED grant program, describe the WSC's plans and get ideas for how to package their ideas in a way that would most likely garner funding support from CALFED, taking into consideration existing CALFED grant activities in the basin, e.g. SCVWD Stream Stewardship, GCRCO monitoring. He proposed trying to do such a meeting in April May.
 - e. The advantages were discussed of requesting SCVWD FAHCE staff participation in the SPCWC.
4. Action Items
- a. Lorrie G. to contact Mountain View and then Cupertino to try to get rotating meeting space and then possible office space. TARGET: 3/16
 - b. Richard to write up minutes and provide a summary report to Core Group.
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