

Ag/Econ Subcommittee Recommendations

Goal 1. Sufficient local water supplies

Sufficient local water supplies to allow continued independence from imported water and reliably support ecosystem and human (including urban and agricultural) needs in the watershed now and in the future, through wise water management.

The group wanted agriculture to be explicitly called out in this goal.

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Goal 6. Land and Resource Management

Objectives

- a) Support a viable agricultural industry that is compatible with watershed goals and preserves the character of the watershed.
- b) Develop and distribute information on land use sustainability and resource stewardship to improve land and resource management practices in the watershed.
(Wording slightly modified by the TAC to be more tangible.)

A recommended water conservation objective was deleted by the TAC as it is covered in Sufficient Local Water Supplies goal.)

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Watershed Management Plan, New Guiding Value

Our watershed management plan will acknowledge the triple bottom line. A healthy and sustainable watershed requires not only vibrant and well-functioning ecological systems, but also vibrant and well-functioning social and economic systems. Our watershed plan will include humans and their social and economic needs as part of an integrated and balanced approach to watershed management.

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Other recommendations:

Suggestions for vision statement language, if a vision statement for the Council were to be developed.

Suggestions for including social and economic factors in project prioritizing criteria.

Public Scoping Meeting Report

Some areas of emphasis among participants:

Need to fairly balance water demands among different uses.

Need for improved groundwater management & recharge/infiltration.

Need to capture more rain/storm flows.

Desire to remove Matilija Dam.

Frustration with time and cost of permits for work in streams.

Support for regional collaboration.

Need for/value of education and watershed literacy.

Desire to protect/support agriculture.

Concern about flooding.

Concern about use of pesticides.

Need to remove *Arundo* and restore habitats.

Complete summary of the October 3, 2012 meeting on the website.

Goals Development History

Nov, 2006: Council helped develop 5 goals for the IRWMP.

May, 2012: Council approved an expanded list of 8 goals as a “working draft” for the Ventura River Watershed Management Plan.

Aug/Sept, 2012: Minor modifications recommended by the Technical Advisory Committees and the Ag/Econ Subcommittee.

Nov, 2012: Final recommended language approved by the Goals/Objectives Subcommittee.

Final Recommended Goals

- 1. Sufficient local water supplies**
- 2. Clean water**
- 3. Integrated flood management**
- 4. Healthy ecosystems**
- 5. Access to nature**
- 6. Land and resource management**
- 7. Coordinated watershed planning**

Objectives Development History

Aug/Sept, 2012: 5 Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) developed draft objectives for 5 of our goals (supply, quality, flood, ecosystems, access)

Nov, 2012: TACs met again (excluding Access to Nature TAC), with broader stakeholder participation. Land/Resource Management TAC met for first time. Staff recommended changes considered and final recommended objectives developed.