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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 30, 2016

Lower San Jacinto River Advisory
Committee

Re: Initial Agenda and Objectives Survey for Developing the Lower San Jacinto River Plan

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this important Advisory Committee that will help shape the floodplain management plan for the Lower San Jacinto River. Please find attached a copy of the April 6th Agenda, an Objectives Survey, an exhibit of the study area, and draft meeting schedule for your use.

In an effort to make efficient use of everyone's time we have prepared the attached Objectives Survey to assist with identifying key project objectives ahead of the April 6th meeting. **We request that you please review and complete the Objectives Survey by April 5th and e-mail it to scott.hildebrandt@webbassociates.com.** This will allow our consultant team time to aggregate information and present it at the meeting for further discussion.

Objectives Survey Background and Directions

The goal of this Stakeholder Advisory Committee is to inform the development of a detailed project description for managing the Lower San Jacinto River floodplain. The detailed project description will lay the groundwork for future CEQA analysis and further project development. To succeed, the project description must consider objectives for public health and safety; traffic circulation; community development; habitat and species conservation; and other infrastructure and community needs.

Each member of the Advisory Committee represents an agency or stakeholder interest that is vital to the identification of project objectives that are necessary to develop a viable project description. To facilitate the identification of these objectives, District staff and WEBB Associates have incorporated a preliminary list of objectives into the attached Objectives Survey for your consideration. As experts in your respective disciplines you may have additional, or more recent, information that may alter the need for, or our understanding of, project objectives. We ask that you review the Objectives Survey and modify, delete, or add to the objectives as appropriate. The last column of the Objectives Survey is for Notes. Please use the Notes column to specify the basis for your recommendations. For example, if you are recommending changes to an objective based on an existing or pending plan or study, please reference that document in the Notes column using the electronic Microsoft Word file.

We additionally ask that you provide a preliminary ranking for the objectives in the "Ranking" column of the Objectives Survey based on the following scale:

3 - Critical Objectives - The objective is absolutely critical to the project's success and represents a pass/fail criteria for alternatives that will be analyzed.

2 - Important Objectives - The objective is of significant importance to the project, but may be able to be addressed to varying degrees successfully.

1 - Secondary Objective - The objective is important, but of secondary concern. Incorporation of the objective represents a "nice to have" goal for the project.

0 - Unclear/Not Necessary - You are either unsure about the objective, or you feel that the objective is not necessary.

Feel free to use the Notes column to clarify the basis for your ranking.

Please note that we will review and discuss the objectives, and preliminary rankings, at the meeting. Each Advisory Committee Member will then be provided an opportunity to revise their recommendations after the meeting.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Scott Hildebrandt at 951.686.1070.

We look forward to working with you on this project, and developing a plan for this important resource.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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AGENDA

Lower San Jacinto River Advisory Committee

11:00 am, April 6, 2016

Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Room 1

1. Introductory Comments – Supervisor Marion Ashley
2. Introductions
3. Review of Advisory Committee Purpose and Objectives – Dusty Williams
4. Lower San Jacinto River Floodplain Management Historical Overview – Scott Hildebrandt
5. Discussion of Objectives Survey and Results – Scott Hildebrandt
6. Review of Meeting Schedule – Dusty Williams
7. Other Discussion Items – Dusty Williams
8. Adjourn

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Preliminary Meeting Schedule

Lower San Jacinto River Advisory Committee

- April 6, 2016
  - Introductions and Objectives Discussion
- May
  - Finalize Objectives, Scoring Criteria
  - Introduce Preliminary Project Alternatives for Discussion
- June
  - Review Summary Report of Initial Project Alternatives
  - Recommend Revisions to Alternatives
- August
  - Review revised Summary Report of Project Alternatives
  - Consider Endorsement of Preferred Alternative or Hybrid Alternative
- October
  - Endorse Project Alternative
  - Advisory Committee role complete
- November
  - Draft Detailed Project Description
- December
  - Final Project Description
  - Schedule dates to present to Board of Supervisors and City Council

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Lower San Jacinto River Advisory Committee - Objectives Survey
(San Jacinto River Stage 3)

Committee Member Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Agency or Affiliation: _____

Project Objectives		Additional Information	Ranking Critical Objective = 3 Important Objective = 2 Secondary Objective = 1 Unclear/Not Necessary = 0	Notes (e.g., justification for assigned ranking)
Convey 100-year tributary storm flows under the following roads:	Interstate 215	Interstate 215 currently floods during the 100-Year storm event. How important is floodproofing Interstate 215?		
	Case Road	Case Road currently floods during the 100-Year storm event. How important is floodproofing Case Road?		
	Goetz Road	Goetz Road currently floods during the 100-Year storm event. How important is floodproofing Goetz Road?		
	Ethanac Road	Ethanac Road currently floods during the 100-Year storm event. How important is floodproofing Ethanac Road?		
	Nuevo Road	Nuevo Road currently floods during the 100-Year storm event. How important is floodproofing Nuevo Road?		
	Ramona Expressway	Ramona Expressway currently floods during the 100-Year storm event. How important is floodproofing Ramona Expressway?		
Provide 100-year flood protection to future Ellis Avenue Interchange		See attached footprint exhibit.		

Provide 100-year flood protection to RCTC commuter rail station and line alternatives	Station and Line have already been constructed.		
Maintain compatibility with existing San Jacinto River (SJR) MSHCP conservation goals as described in Volume 1 Section 7.3.7	• Hydrology and Hydraulics modeling to show the path way and duration of wet areas during various storm events along SJR in relation to known mapped plant populations. • Provide mapping that shows where the two thread-leaved brodiaea populations are located. • Provide mapping of what a conceptual 1000-foot wide corridor would look like from Ramona Expressway to mouth of Railroad Canyon.		Section 7.3.7 of the MSHCP includes specific criteria that would have to be addressed when a flood control project is proposed along the SJR from Ramona Expressway to mouth of Railroad Canyon. Modeling and mapping of resources will be required in order to analyze whether or not the criteria set forth in Section 7.3.7 can be met. If the criteria can be met, then MSHCP compliance would be achieved.
Avoid Western Riverside MSHCP Criteria Cell Refinement or Minor Amendment	Map of MSHCP Criteria Cells, Map of POP Lands, Map of RCA/Conserved Lands		Per Section 7.3.7, as long as the criteria set forth can be achieved, a Criteria Refinement may not be needed. It will be in conditions where the criteria in Section 7.3.7 cannot be met, and where the contemplated Cell Criteria are diverted from, that a Criteria Cell Refinement may be required. Section 7.3.7 contemplates a Minor Amendment may also be needed; however, the project could strive for avoiding this requirement as well. Wildlife Agency and RCA participation in the analysis of the Section 7.3.7 criteria will be important to consider. Understanding the original plans for conservation via the Cell Criteria will be important to consider.
Accommodate regional trails plans	Map depicting the City of Perris and County of Riverside Regional Trails plans		Knowing where planned trails are proposed will be important to understanding as the Conservation areas and flood control improvements are contemplated. Providing for connectivity, or not precluding connectivity for trails and public access will be important to consider.
Avoid impacts to existing and proposed regional water supply and treatment infrastructure	Exhibit showing facility location/alignments to be provided during first Committee meeting		
Establish a feasible staging and implementation plan			
Minimize overall project costs			

Address waters permit requirements	The SJR floodplain areas would most likely be considered "waters" per the federal and state waters regulations. Ultimately, regulatory waters permits may be required for the project from the Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife for flood control improvements. Mapping of jurisdictional areas will be needed so that any conservation and improvement areas can be evaluated against these areas that would trigger permits.		Understanding the permitting process along with the analyses that will need to be undertaken in order to apply for permits in the future will be important. Mitigation options should be discussed early on and streamlined along with any MSHCP and CEQA/NEPA analysis.