



Calhoun added water conservation as well. Mr. Williamson suggested adding another benefit column, regional concept.

c. Table 2 – Work Plan Outline and Budget

Mr. Rolwing listed the tasks included in the work plan, noting the need to concentrate on Task 2 at this time (develop, maintain and enhance IRWM website and communication tools). Discussion followed regarding Task 3, a GIS database, and Mr. Rolwing asked Ms. Dice if the Park maintains such a system. She replied that they did, and will check to see if it can be shared with the IRWM Subcommittee. She noted that the Ocotillo Wells State Recreation Area also has a GIS system. Mr. Williamson will investigate grant opportunities for GIS development.

Discussion followed regarding the Alliance for Agricultural Water and Resource Education (AAWARE). Mr. Williamson welcomed participation by the representatives of the agricultural community present today.

The pros and cons of water importation from Clark Lake versus agricultural fallowing were discussed. Mr. Williamson pointed out that the cost would be comparable. If the Clark Lake option is selected, we will only extract what can be recharged, and more geologic information will be required. The decision will ultimately be made by the voters, since either alternative would require a bond issue.

Mr. Rolwing continued the task summary from Table 2. Mr. Williamson reemphasized the regional aspect and welcomed letters from participants such as the Park, Canebrake and possibly AAWARE confirming their involvement in IRWM.

4. Other

a. IID IRWMP meeting

Mr. Rolwing reported he had attended the kickoff meeting of the Imperial Irrigation District IRWMP. In addition to IID, participants are the cities of Imperial, El Centro, Calexico and Brawley and the County of Imperial. Approximately 70 attended the meeting. It was noted that Desert Shores and Salton City were not included because they get their water from Coachella Water District. They are looking at an importation pipeline and may cooperate with the Anza Borrego Desert IRWM.

b. Quality of Life meeting

Mr. Rolwing also attended a recent San Diego Association of Governments meeting on funding strategies for storm water runoff planning. Sales tax or property tax increases are being considered. Mr. Rolwing was not too supportive.

In conclusion, Mr. Williamson asked Brad Ray and Mike Spieckerman to investigate AAWARE or another organization which could represent the agricultural community on the IRWM Subcommittee. He also requested a copy of the State Park's general plan and any relevant documents. Ms. Dice noted that the State Plan is on the California State Parks website. She will obtain the ABDSP documents and will investigate their GIS. Mr. Williamson asked that the Park GIS staff contact Mr. Rolwing. Canebrake was asked to provide updates on their project development and priorities.

6. Next Subcommittee meeting on May 25, 9 am, Borrego Water District

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting of the IRWM Subcommittee will be held on May 25, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Borrego Water District.