

- The Project Management Plan (PMP), developed early in the Feasibility Study phase of the Project, defines the stakeholder organizational structure (various committees), planning approach, activities to be accomplished, schedule, and cost estimates. Stakeholders have participated in nearly every level of the organizational structure throughout the Feasibility Study phase, and will continue participation throughout the Design Phase which includes: design, planning, construction, and monitoring and adaptive management phases of the Project components. The NEPA/CEQA public notification processes successfully drew participation from local, state, and federal agencies, water purveyors, local landowners, and environmental groups. Most recently, in preparation of this grant proposal, a meeting was held with the Environmental Working Group (EWG) and Project Management Team to discuss the two Project components in this grant proposal. Long-standing stakeholders and project advocates include: Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Congressman Gallegly, National Park Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, USGS, Forest Service (Los Padres National Forest), Bureau of Reclamation, former State Senator Jack O'Connell, Assembly Member Pedro Nava, CA Ocean Protection Council, CA Dept. of Fish and Game, CA Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Coastal Conservancy, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Ojai, Casitas Municipal Water District, Matilija Coalition, Friends of the Ventura River, Surfrider Foundation, Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, American Rivers, California Trout, Ventura River Stream Team/Channelkeeper, and Ventura County Supervisors Steve Bennett, Kathy Long, and John Flynn.
- Stakeholders were identified during the Feasibility Study phase, and will continue to be invited to participate during the design, construction and monitoring phases. Entities with jurisdiction, interest in, or property affected by the Project components, and others willing to participate in Project development or provide technical or financial support will be contacted by the Public Outreach Group, as appropriate, to provide input to the Project components.
- An extensive electronic mailing/distribution list has been created and is updated periodically. This list includes: agency representatives, elected officials, the EWG, property owners, and other interested parties. The list is used to invite interested parties to regular meetings to review and comment on Project details. Project updates will also be available on the website (<http://www.matilijadam.org>).
- The Matilija website and the existing Matilija Public Outreach Program (Program) provides a venue to broadcast information and Project updates. The Program includes television and radio commercials, educational flyers and posters, and a dedicated website (above). Written (flyers, brochures) and verbal (radio and television commercials) material is provided in English and Spanish to reach more of Ventura County's population.
- Letters of support are attached.
- As described above, the VCWPD and USACE developed partnerships with over 25 federal, state and local agencies, interested parties and hundreds of affected property owners. The committees actively participated in formulation and selection of the Locally Preferred Plan and specific Projects components, including giant reed removal and well installation at Foster Park. Many of these entities have expressed interest in further committee participation and EWG meetings during implementation of the two Project components described in this proposal.
- Coordination and cooperation with stakeholders during implementation will occur during working meetings, which will be announced via electronic mail or telecommunication, direct mail, and website posting. In addition, permit applications, tiered NEPA/CEQA compliance documents, and other required notices will be prepared by the USACE or VCWPD. The EWG and other interested parties will review and approve procedures for the well installation and giant reed removal Projects. The Ventura County Government Center will be the principal venue for meetings and other meetings or workshops will be held in the affected communities as needed.