



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (IRWMA) Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) Summary of Accomplishments for 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 year, actually began for the WAC in September rather than July of 2013. This is because development of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, under the direction of the T-Stan Plan Review Committee, was not completed until the end of August, 2013. From October of last year until April, 2014 the WAC held ten meetings to work on IRWM-related efforts for the region. In addition, four project development workshops were held to focus specifically on brainstorming, refining, and integrating projects for the region. Seven JPA formation workshops were also held for parties interested in exploring membership in the JPA. In April, 2014 the first IRWMA Board of Directors meeting was held. Since April, the WAC has reported to the board and provided them with recommendations in support of IRWMA business. All of the meetings have provided opportunities for collaboration. Each member has become more familiar with the interests of other participants and has learned first-hand the benefit to the region of multiple stakeholders working together. Integrating efforts through the IRWMA has helped to guide investment of public resources and has and continues to serve as a venue for resolving difficult matters of resource management policy within the region.

While establishment of new lines of communication among stakeholders and collaborative efforts for problem solving are certainly major accomplishments of the 2013-2014 year, additional items are worth calling out. These include:

- Development and approval of the WAC charter and 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 workplans
- Development and approval of a local budget to support IRWMA work
- Tracking of IRWMP objectives and targets
- Tracking of operational data to be measured and managed to meet IRWMP goals and objectives
- Establishment of Funding Subcommittee to monitor and report on potential grant opportunities
- Development of a Communications Plan
- Visioning of a possible regional septic improvement project
- Visioning of a possible regional environmental water-related project
- Hosting two “calls for projects” for inclusion in the IRWMP
- Revising the project scoring methodology & package for new projects
- Recommendation and approval of new projects for inclusion in the plan
- Recommendation and approval of projects for inclusion in the Drought Solicitation Grant Application
- Successful navigation of governance development and implementation resulting in formation of the T-Stan Integrated Regional Water Management Authority through establishment of the T-Stan JPA as the governance vehicle for the RWMA – the first water-related JPA in the state to include a Tribe as a JPA member
- Successful submittal of a Prop 84 Round 2 grant application resulting in an implementation grant award of over \$3 million