



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority (IRWMA) Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) 2014-2015 End of the Year Report

Twenty-five entities, representing disadvantaged community members, environmental organizations, water, sanitary, and community services districts, Tribes, city and county government, business organizations and the USFS were members of the WAC during this fiscal year with all members providing the required fiscal contribution and all but two, participating in meetings throughout the year. During the fiscal year, the WAC held twelve meetings to work on IRWMA-related efforts for the region to include a field trip to the Rim Fire Burn. One Prop 84 project workshop was also held focused on refining projects for a final round application. Six IRWMA Board of Directors meetings were held which included a joint meeting with the TCRCD Board of Directors to evaluate administrative services. The WAC has provided numerous recommendations to the board, developed through consensus. The board has ultimately approved all the WAC recommendations with only minor refinements. Integrating efforts through the IRWMA has continued to help 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.

Some specific accomplishments include:

- Recommendation and approval of projects for inclusion in the Prop 84 2015 Implementation Grant Application
- Successful submittal of a Prop 84 Drought Solicitation Grant Application resulting in an implementation grant award of over \$8 million
- Development and approval of the WAC 2015-2016 workplan
- Development and approval of a local budget to support IRWMA work to include a reserve account
- Field trip to Rim Fire Burn to better understand the connection between forest watershed health
- Increased learning opportunities through speakers such as Dr. Bales and Mr. Moss
- Development and maintenance of a stand-alone website – www.tstan-irwma.org
- Development and approval of IRWMA by-laws
- Updated the IRWMP objectives
- Hosting a “calls for projects”
- Revised the project scoring methodology & package for new/amended projects for inclusion in IRWMP
- Recommendation and approval of twelve new projects for inclusion in the IRWMP