



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Board Meeting October 18, 2017

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

1. Complete the remainder of the DWR required data management tasks.
2. Develop storm water infrastructure inventory with values.
3. Task the WAC with developing storm water project concepts that include beneficial use of captured water.
4. Amend the financial report to include comparisons to the last fiscal year.
5. Chair Strange to work with A.D. Trott and Ms. Mattos on identifying projects that positively affect the Headwaters.

HOMEWORK:

1. Review materials sent in advance of the meeting and bring copies with you to the meeting.

MEETING GOALS:

1. To consider action on WAC recommendations

****FINALIZED MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE**** <http://tstan-irwma.org/>

1. Opening Remarks:

Chair Terry Strange opened the meeting at 12:34.

Members in Good Standing

Ms. Carolyn Lott said all entities are in good standing except for TuCARE which has not paid yet.

Public Comments

The Chair opened the public comment period. Director Ron Ringen announced the Mountain Counties Water Resource Workshop, next Friday, entitled "The Sacramento San Joaquin Delta and its Sierra Nevada Tributaries (the stressors and the fix)." It is being held in Auburn. Chair Strange suggested using caution when listening to FISHBIO. He also noted a Green Sturgeon was found in the Stanislaus River last week and it was documented. The Chair closed the public comment period.

Grant Updates

Ms. Lindsay Mattos said for Round 2, she is working through changes to the current invoice. Twain Harte has been resubmitted to the county for payment. She is asking for an amendment for Round 2 as the USFS and TUD will need an additional year to complete their projects. She imagines TUD will need extension on Drought, as well.

Update on Submission of Draft IRWMP Update:

Ms. Mattos said the Plan was sent into DWR on Friday. She added, this month she will work with Chair Strange on clarification language referenced earlier.

2. Meeting Summary from September 20, 2017:

Director Joe Fontana asked he be marked present on the WAC membership list and requested removal of Brian Langley as he is no longer employed at MSD.

Action: Director Ringen moved, and Director Fontana seconded, a motion to approve the summary with the correction to the attendance section. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. DACI Proposal Update:

Alternate Director Tom Trott said there was a phone meeting with the Funding Region DAC Coordinating Committee and they were told Sierra Institute (SI) has received tentative approval of the proposal from DWR. The contract has been submitted to the DWR Legal Department. SI will work to get as much done as possible so IRWMs, within the funding region, can submit for implementation funding in 2018.

4. Authorization of 17-18 “Call for Projects”:

Ms. Mattos said this call is basically the same as last time, but the project application was updated to remove references to Prop 84 and substitute Prop 1. The scoring was also updated, during the plan update, to more heavily weight regional issues. It is in a Google Form format. Chair Strange said CCWD is talking about a new pipeline connection.

Action: Director Ringen moved, and Director Fontana seconded, a motion to authorize the opening of the 17-18 “Call for Projects.” The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Financial Report:

Ms. Mattos distributed the report. Director Fontana said he would like to see actual comparisons with last year included in the report. Ms. Mattos said she will do that.

Action: Director Fontana moved, and Alternate Director Trott seconded, a motion to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Membership Recruitment:

Chair Strange reported he had asked Director Rodefer to be actively involved in recruitment. Director Rodefer agreed and will join Director Ringen on the committee. Director Ringen said it will only take two or three new JPA members to assist with relieving the financial burden. Director Ringen said to use caution regarding who is approached as some agencies have very different viewpoints than current JPA members. Chair Strange noted he is not concerned about opposing or different views. Director Ringen said City of Sonora, Calaveras County, Chicken Rancheria, and City of Angels should be on the JPA.

Alternate Director Trott said he believes some of the downstream users’ strategic plans include assisting with the health of the watershed. He noted the T-Stan IRWM has focused on common goals and stayed out of political issues, so caution should be used regarding engaging in political issues.

Chair Strange inquired about next steps. Director Ringen suggested starting with the local entities that should be on the JPA board. At the same time, they can look at engaging

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downstream users. Chair Strange said Calaveras County has no money. It was noted Jackson Rancheria bought Gerber Vineyards in Calaveras County.

Alternate Director Trott said he would like to have the WAC talk about a project that would have merit for the health of the watershed and might be of interest to downstream users. If this happens, then it might be possible to enlist financial support for the project. He shared that a staffer from the Resource Department said until the IRWMs get funding outside of the IRWM the legislature will not deem the IRWM effort a success.

Director Ringen said the object of associate members is for financial assistance with JPA expenses. It is important to impress upon downstream users how the IRWMA is supporting the health of the Headwaters. It would be helpful to highlight examples of projects that have already been completed that help the Headwaters. Alternate Director Trott said part of luring downstream users is designing a project that would entice them to help fund it.

Ms. Lott said while it is important to think about adding board members from local agencies, the reality is Mayor Connie Williams has said, during a WAC meeting, there is no way City of Sonora will pay to be on the board. Calaveras County and City of Angels are both grappling with significant financial issues. So, it may be a while before they can afford to be on the board. Therefore, in the short term, financial assistance for the JPA might be more likely to come from associate members. However, the message to these downstream entities as to why they should invest in the T-Stan IRWMA needs to be carefully crafted and the messengers need to be individuals who have a relationship with those able to influence. A board member said an amount for the ask would need to be decided upon.

Chair Strange asked that Director Ringen reach out to Director Rodefer to arrange a meeting, prior to the next JPA meeting, and come back to next JPA meeting with the basic elements of a strategy. The Chair will work with Ms. Mattos and Alternate Director Trott on what projects have been completed, are in process, and/or being planned that benefit downstream users. Ms. Lott will agendize the concept for the WAC and Alternate Director Trott will represent the board's desire to enlist the help of a few WAC members in brainstorming the issue.

7. Board Comments:

None were heard.

Wrap up and Adjournment:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC meeting will be held on November 15th from 9 – 12 and the JPA meeting will be held from 12:30 – 2:00.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott and Ms. Lindsay Mattos

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**MEETING ATTENDANCE
JPA Board Member/Alternate**

Terry Strange	Calaveras County Water District	Present
Russ Thomas	CCWD/Alternate	
Joseph Fontana	Murphys Sanitary District	Present
Cindy Secada	MSD/Alternate	
Karl Rodefer	Tuolumne County	
Randy Hanvelt	TC/Alternate	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Barbara Balen	TUD/Alternate	
Gary Sipperley	Twain Harte Community Services District	
Tom Trott	THCSD/Alternate	Present

JPA Board Staff

Name	Organization	Attendance
Carolyn Lott	Carlton Consulting	Present
Lindsay Mattos	TCRCD	Present

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Liz Peterson	Tuolumne County