



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, April 18, 2018

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS WAC:

1. Discussion of project priorities, how projects align, and which objectives lack sufficient projects, to include storm water projects
2. Provide a presentation/discussion on stormwater issues within the region
3. Develop additional press releases as project implementation progresses
4. Complete tasks in Section 6 of the Storm Water Chapter

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS JPA:

1. Task the WAC with developing storm water project concepts that include beneficial use of captured water.

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. Develop recommendations for consideration by the JPA board

****FINALIZED MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE****

<http://tstan-irwma.org/>

SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks, Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items, and Standing Items:

Ms. Carolyn Lott opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Agreement: There was agreement to accept the March 21, 2018 WAC meeting summary with the correction of the date in the title.

2. Standing Items:

Grant Update – Ms. Lindsay Mattos reported payment was received for Invoice 3 for Round 2 so checks to individual project proponents should be received in the next week or so. Invoice 4 should be paid in the next few weeks. Invoice 5 and 6 are at DWR for review. Invoice 7 needs some revisions for resubmission and all information should be received by April 30th. Requests for extensions are due April 25th. The current Drought invoice is under review. The next progress report is due the end of May.

Funding Update – see below

External Communications – DACI Proposal – see below

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott provided an update.

YSS – None

3. Public Comment:

Mr. Seth Connolly noted tonight is a meeting on the HUD biomass pillar. The meeting is at the USFS office from 5–7 pm. The focus is the feasibility and future of the plant. TRT is hosting a photography presentation on rivers. There is also a showing of Wilder than Wild. There have been no new sightings in Tuolumne County of Nutria.

4. Clarification of Land Use Integration Speaker:

Ms. Lott requested input from the WAC on issues they are interested in hearing about regarding land use. Suggestions included: building methods – hard scape versus permeable, landscaping swales, and integration of land use planning and implementation as it affects water quality.

5. Jerry Meral Bond Presentation:

Ms. Lott attended a presentation on the November water bond proposition that has qualified for the ballot, Proposition 68. She provided a summary for the WAC of the presentation. The Power Point presentation can be found at: <https://mountaincountieswater.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Gerald-Meral-Sierra-foothills-presentations.pdf> A video of the entire presentation can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/266048410>

Some of the highlights include funding for post-fire restoration to be administered through Cal FIRE and SNC, dead tree removal and fire preparation administered through SNC, safe drinking water and waste water disposal funds, IRWM coordination funding, agricultural protection administered through RCDs, noxious weed reduction funding, SGMA funding, septic conversion funding, and watershed restoration funding. RCDs can compete for all funds. Funding can be received as implementation occurs. An estimated increase of 1.5M ac/ft will result from implementation of projects through this bond.

6. DAC Update:

Mr. Tom Trott announced the DACI workshops will be held May 24th. Some members mentioned they are still struggling with the fact that they thought SI would go out into the communities themselves to do outreach. Mr. Trott said he believes this is a good high-level effort and would rather the region provide invitee names than SI determine who to invite.

Mr. Kirk Ford said the people who are in need up the hill are not going to talk to government representatives, or regulators or agencies. Mr. Trott said community capacity includes not just money, but the ability to advocate for themselves. Ms. Lott said she needs responses to the request for invitee suggestions.

7. DAC Project Brainstorming:

WAC members participated in a brainstorming exercise. Ms. Mattos distributed a list of projects already in the plan. To qualify for DAC funds, the DAC must directly benefit from the project. However, in the past, DWR granted partial waivers for the portion of the proposal directly benefitting a DAC.

Some of the suggestions from the brainstorming included a project on failing septic tanks and wells and consolidating mutual water companies. For the septic project, a planning and feasibility phase would need funding prior to the construction phase. The feasibility study would help determine if it is possible to utilize engineered septic tanks to serve multiple homes.

Other ideas included moving from treated to raw water for Sonora City Park, replacing collections for water and wastewater for the city of Sonora, and stormwater planning.

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CCWD said they offer a step system that repairs septic tanks and then connects the septic to the waste water plant where liquids are treated. CCWD pays for septic maintenance of connected tanks. The program was funded by a state grant for construction and the customer pays a monthly fee.

The Twain Harte/Tuolumne City sewer project needs funding for a feasibility study for infrastructure improvements.

8. Other Water News:

None offered.

9. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

There was consensus to cancel the May WAC meeting to make up the time that will be spent attending the DACI workshops.

Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC meeting will be held on June 20, 2018. The next JPA meeting will be the joint WAC/JPA field trip on July 18, 2018.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Watershed Advisory Committee Members

Joe Bors	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	
Shelly Hance	ATCAA/Alternate	
Peter Martin	Calaveras County Water District	
Dave Eggerton	CCWD/Alternate	
Joel Metzger	CCWD/Alternate	Present
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	Present
Tom Harrington	CSA/Alternate	
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	Present
Meg Layhee	CSERC/Alternate	Present
David Meyers	City of Angels Camp	Present
Aaron Randi	CAC/Alternate	
Connie Williams	City of Sonora	Present
George Segarini	CS/Alternate	
Jon Sterling	Groveland Community Services District	
Jennifer Flores	GCSD/Alternate	
Cindy Secada	Murphys Sanitary District	Present
Joseph Fontana	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Langley	MSD/Alternate	

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Adam Coyan	Pinecrest Permittees Assoc.	Present
Tim Fisher	PPA/Alternate	
	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	
Willie Dutra	TBMWI/Alternate	
Daniel Richardson	Tuolumne County	
Liz Peterson	TC/Alternate	
Dick Pland	Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources & Environment	Present
Melinda Fleming	TuCARE/Alternate	
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Kevin Rice	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Jon M. Sturtevant	TGSC/Alternate	Present
Patrick Koepele	Tuolumne River Trust	
Seth Connolly	TRT/Alternate	Present
Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Erik Johnson	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Haglund	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present
Robb Perry	THCSD/Alternate	
	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	
Lucas Wilkinson	USFS/Alternate	
Ann Denton	USFS/Alternate	
Michael Minkler	Utica Water & Power Authority	
Karen Rojas	UWPA/Alternate	
Lori Karnes	UWPA/Alternate	

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Makayla Dillon	TUD
Ron Ringen	TUD
Zaira Lopez	RWQCB
Liz Gregg	CSERC
Ellyse Varone	TRT
Ariel Bohr	TRT