



## **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\*\***

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### **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 April 18, 2018 WAC meeting summary.

#### **2. Standing Items:**

Grant Update – Ms. Lindsay Mattos reported she is current on invoicing for Round 2. The amendment is finished to extend the grant to 2020. Amendments were needed for the TUD, RCD, USFS, and CCWD projects. Invoicing through January is completed for the Drought Grant.

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

YSS – None was offered.

#### **3. Public Comment:** None was offered.

#### **4. Discussion DACI Workshop:**

Mr. Tom Trott said, regarding the capacity workshop, there was consensus on the region's capacities. The afternoon session revealed this region has more infrastructure problems than other regions who have had their workshops. It was almost difficult to capture all the issues.

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Mr. John Buckley said he was surprised with the diversity of participants who represented some entities that were interested in water. He noted the consultants were professional in how they managed the time and process. He said one challenge is there are many areas identified where there really is no representative entity, such as Cold Springs. It is difficult to find year-round residents with the capacity to take on an effort such as this.

Ms. Connie Williams said a challenge is the DAC definition is different depending on the grant source. It would be easier if there is a common definition; but this is constrained by legislation.

It was noted there is the technological ability to use GIS. However, the maps that were used did not make boundaries clear. Better technology should be used. There was no internet service.

### **5. TRT Project Completion Report:**

Mr. Seth Connolly said the project began with Round 2 funding which was then assisted by Drought funds. He presented the final report for Round 2. TRT has built a lot upon the funded work. Mr. Connolly said after the initial grant was approved, the Rim Fire occurred so this changed the focus of the work.

TRT focused on educating people about where water comes from and about the relationship between precipitation and the forest. TRT's role was watershed education. TRT presented to about 1,000 adults. One of the tools they used for education was the Augmented Reality Sandbox. They also leveraged their work by utilizing AmeriCorps volunteers. They also presented to about 5,000 students. They must revamp the presentation each year, so it is not repetitive. They also used the Mobile Water Learning Lab and the Stream Team water monitoring.

Mr. Connolly said they built numerous partnerships with outside groups. There was about 14,000 volunteer hours directed to the project. They are increasingly doing more watershed conservation. It was noted one of the challenges is educating the legislature.

The presentation is available at: [https://tstan-irwma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Our\\_Watersheds\\_TCRCD.pdf](https://tstan-irwma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Our_Watersheds_TCRCD.pdf)

### **6. Presentation by Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory Program Manager:**

Mr. Griffin Perea and Mr. Shaun Rohrer provided the presentations. The Waterboard looks at where there is a disturbance – commercial or illegal – but the focus is on commercial large grows. The orders are based on risks – they are looking at ground disturbance.

Mr. Dennis Mills said there needs to be a central database to keep track of violators so neighboring property owners can find out how they might be affected. The State Waterboard has prioritized Calaveras County for investigation and enforcement.

Mr. Perea said there are 3,000 permits in the system. The majority are in compliance. Most problems are in the foothills where there are slopes and a lack of agricultural experience.

Mr. Brian Moss said illegal sites are where there is a real problem with the release of contaminants from chemicals. He said he does not know how one captures this type of information without monitoring wells.

The presentation can be found at: <https://tstan-irwma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/CVRWQCB-Cannabis-Presentation.pdf>

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### 7. Discussion with Carmel Brown, DWR Financial Assistance Branch Chief:

Ms. Brown said they are interested in hearing from grantees about their funded projects, so they can share the information with the legislature. They want to build capacity for water sustainability.

The Prop One IRWM funds are aimed at helping regions adapt to climate change, providing incentives to collaborate across regions, and on working towards water self-reliance.

One of the questions is when do the regions need the DACI money? They want to see a strong nexus to IRWMPs and strong probability for success. They must maintain competition in the process. Awards used to be determined at the state level. Now they want to defer more determination to the regional processes. DWR will be more interested in meeting eligibility requirements. They anticipate a couple of rounds of funding.

There will be pre-application workshops/one per IRWM funding area in February-July of 2019. They anticipate getting the money out in December of 2019.

### 8. Other Water News:

None was offered.

### 9. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

The RCD volunteered to bring snacks to the August meeting. The meeting was adjourned to the Waldorf School outdoor water education and improvements project field trip. DWR will go onto the Groveland lift station project, as well.

### Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC & JPA Meetings: Meadows field Trip 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	
David Meyers	City of Angels Camp	Present
Aaron Randi	CAC/Alternate	

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Connie Williams	City of Sonora	Present
	CS/Alternate	
	Groveland Community Services District	
Jennifer Flores	GCSD/Alternate	
Cindy Secada	Murphys Sanitary District	Present
Joseph Fontana	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Langley	MSD/Alternate	
Adam Coyan	Pinecrest Permittees Assoc.	
Tim Fisher	PPA/Alternate	
	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	
Willie Dutra	TBMWI/Alternate	
Daniel Richardson	Tuolumne County	
Liz Peterson	TC/Alternate	Preent
Dick Pland	Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources & Environment	
Melinda Fleming	TuCARE/Alternate	
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Kevin Rice	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	Present
Jon M. Sturtevant	TGSC/Alternate	
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	Present

**IRWMA Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Carolyn Lott	Carlton Consulting	Present
Lindsay Mattos	TCRCD	Present

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**Other Interested Parties Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Jim Grinnell	TUD
Ron Ringen	TUD
Zaira Lopez	RWQCB
Evon Willhoff	DWR
Carmel Brown	DWR
Eliana Camargo	DWR
Dennis Mills	Calaveras County
Brian Moss	Calaveras County
Barbara Balen	TUD
Bailey Hunter	Chicken Ranch Rancheria
Griffin Perea	CVRWCB
Shaun Rohner	SWRCB
Cheyene Keniston	SWRCB
Alisha Summers	TRT