



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, October 17, 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 to include Ms. Vicky Stone from the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians.

The meeting summary was accepted for August 15, 2018.

2. Standing Items:

Grant Update – A grant summary sheet was circulated and will be updated regularly.

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott provided an update. It was noted TUCARE decided not to continue participating in the IRWMA.

YSS – It was reported a CAL FIRE grant was received which will fund 2500 acres of thinning in the Granite area and 500 acres reforestation, along with LIDAR acquisition, and prescribed burning preparations.

3. Public Comment: Mr. Tom Parrington said he would like a discussion on the County General Plan update agenda. Mr. Ron Ringen spoke in agreement. Ms. Quincy Yancy from the county said the county will still accept comments. It was agreed to schedule this for the November meeting.

4. Presentation on Central Sierra Foothills Area Soil Survey (Tuolumne and Calaveras):

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Ms. Kunch thanked the RCD for their support of this project. Ms. Kunch and her team work out of the USFS office and are a sister agency to the USFS. The area of responsibility is for two MRLAs, Sierra Nevada Foothills and Sierra Nevada Mountains. The surveys are of private land. This is the first soil survey in CA to have detailed ecological site information correlated to every soil component. The data is in the process of being uploaded into a new database which may take up to one year.

During the survey, they found 30 previously unrecognized soils. Samples are taken at about 6 feet, where that is possible. In addition to the web version of the information, a written version will be out in 2020.

A map unit is a collection of areas defined by soil and environmental development factors that influence use and management. There are miscellaneous areas that do not support vegetation. Soil surveys provide good information to support planning of projects, but not site-specific information. There are four types of map units: consociation (one major type) complex (two or more soils intricately occurring), association (because of anticipated use of area not practical to map separately), undifferentiated group (interpretive difference in soils so slight as not to effect use and management).

In CA630 Project Area the soils are very complicated. Four landform areas exist: canyons, lava plateau, hills, and mountains. They use the mesothermic break to delineate mountains from hills.

To learn more, see the website: <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/>

Also, an alternate interface is: <https://casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu/gmap/>
The Suitability and Limitations tab lets the user explore the classifications of soil.

For further information, contact Andrew.G.Brown@ca.usda.gov
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The RCD will have two depictions of soils prepared for display.

5. Prop One PSP Guidelines Presentation & Discussion:

It was noted if an agency is new to applying for a Prop One grant, all the guidelines should be carefully read. For those who have submitted in the past, the guidelines are similar. The big changes include a Funding Area Pre-Application Workshop that you must participate in if you are a proponent. There will be a unique timeline for each Funding Area workshop. There will be standardized online forms for the application process. DWR wants a single point of contact for each funding area. The project application package must meet one of the state priorities and one of the state preferences.

The grantee must demonstrate CEQA compliance and a timeline for compliance. DWR will not pay out any funds until CEQA is done. There is a possibility to get advances which the WAC favors. Minimum scores may be set for scoring applications. Mr. Trott needs to find out what the criteria is for this.

Projects must respond to climate change and contribute to regional water self-reliance. Mr. Trott is to ask for more details. The projects must be in the IRWMP, address the most critical needs of the IRWM region, and have a useful life of 15 years. Permits necessary to begin construction must be acquired within 6 months of the funding award or prior to the agreement execution,

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whichever occurs first. \$4.5M is available to the funding region for each of two rounds for implementation. There is a sliding scale for the DAC/EDA percentage waiver. The WAC advised if the funding region wants to pursue pilot projects on a single theme, they need to work on this sooner rather than later.

Agreement: Mr. Trott is to recommend to the MCFR DAC Committee that the T-Stan IRWMA is in favor of including advances on funds. He is also to request detail on what constitutes a “minimum score” and get more detail on “responding to climate change and contributing to regional water self-reliance.” Also, he will advise the funding region to get started on determining their “theme” if doing a single application.

6. DACI Strategies, Point of Contact, and Focus Discussion:

Questions that arose where, how does one define the applicant for the purpose of administration? Is interest for a loan for a project included as a reimbursable? What if not all IRWMs have IRWMP updates?

Water quality in individual wells and failing septic systems were two themes the WAC is interested in. It was suggested SI be the “contact” for the application. The WAC is willing to consider a funding area proposal.

Agreement: There was agreement to have Mr. Trott take these questions and ideas to the MCFR DAC Committee

7. Other Water News:

Comments and concerns were raised about Prop 3.

8. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

Mr. Parrington offered to bring snacks.

Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC & JPA Meetings: November 28, 2018

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Watershed Advisory Committee Members

Joe Bors	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	
Raj Rambob	ATCAA/Alternate	
Peter Martin	Calaveras County Water District	
Dave Eggerton	CCWD/Alternate	
Joel Metzger	CCWD/Alternate	
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	Present
Tom Harrington	CSA/Alternate	
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	

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Meg Layhee	CSERC/Alternate	
David Meyers	City of Angels Camp	
Aaron Randi	CAC/Alternate	
Colette Such	City of Sonora	
Connie Williams	CS/Alternate	
Cindy Secada	Murphys Sanitary District	
Joseph Fontana	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Langley	MSD/Alternate	
Adam Coyan	Pinecrest Permittees Assoc.	Present
Tim Fisher	PPA/Alternate	
	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	
	TBMWI/Alternate	
Daniel Richardson	Tuolumne County	
Liz Peterson	TC/Alternate	Present
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	
Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Makayla Dillon	TUD/Alternate	Present
Erik Johnson	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	Present
Ann Denton	USFS/Alternate	
Michael Minkler	Utica Water & Power Authority	
Karen Rojas	UWPA/Alternate	Present
Lori Karnes	UWPA/Alternate	

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Ron Ringen	TUD
Jim Grinnell	TUD

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Liz Gregg	CSERC
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