



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, August 15, 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.

There were no formal summaries of the field trips, so no summaries were presented for acceptance into the record. Photos were posted on the IRWMA website.

**2. Standing Items:**

Grant Update – Round 2 grant invoices five and six have been paid. Checks will go out next week. Invoice seven should be paid soon. Invoice eight is at the controller's office for processing and invoice nine is under review. The Drought grant revisions have been submitted and currently are waiting for the final okay from DWR. Mr. John Buckley asked that Ms. Lindsay Mattos please provide a snippet of what gets done with each grant at the WAC meetings. Ms. Mattos said she will provide this at the next WAC meeting.

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

YSS – Mr. Buckley said there is a meeting of YSS on Friday. A Cal FIRE grant for \$5M was received and projects are still being finalized. There is quite a list of projects funded through YSS.

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

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**4. Report on Field Trips:** During comments about the field trip experiences, it was noted to call Mr. Dave Anders to learn how to support grant applications for water areas along ditch systems. Regarding the field trips, the impact on DWR participants was apparent as they viewed projects on the ground. DWR commented on the scope of the impacts from a relatively small amount of dollars provided. It was also observed there is tremendous recovery of the meadows in just two years.

**5. New Project Scores:** Three new projects scored by the Project Review Committee were presented. The committee used the new revised score sheets adopted during the plan update. The new projects scored high compared to those in the plan, which is a good thing. The scores rely on the accuracy of the information put forward by the proponent.

**Agreement:** Recommend to the board inclusion of the presented projects in the IRWMP.

**6. DACI Options and Funding Opportunities:** Ms. Lott provided background information and stated \$1.3M of the DWR Prop One funds is set aside for DACI projects. The Sierra Institute put on a workshop for community experts and one for utility districts. The utility districts looked at capacity issues and the detail of water and sewer capacity.

Mr. Tom Trott said last month he participated in a meeting with all nine IRWMs and DWR. The guidelines for the first set of draft guidelines should be out in September. This time they will have one or more workshops in each funding area that will be attended by DWR and other funding agencies. DWR will provide feedback on project concepts. About \$4.7 is available for general implementation and \$390,000 for DACI projects. There is just over \$5M across the region.

Questions at the meeting included, "Do we submit nine applications? Do we work toward one application? Do we just split the funding?" He said all the participants agreed Mountain Counties Funding Area got the short end of the stick for funding.

The WAC discussed various possibilities. An idea surfaced to use this money as an investment for projects that are scalable and can be used to leverage other pots of funding. Some examples of regional problems were given, and the idea of multi-phase projects was suggested. Wells and septic are the top two concerns. Funding needs to be equitably distributed. One project suggested is to sample test wells.

The WAC agreed going for one type of project was a better option than to compete. It was added there is a responsibility to DACs and that hasn't been prioritized to date.

The WAC agreed to discuss the next top two areas of focus at the next WAC meeting.

**7. Other Water News:** TUD, ATCAA, and TRT are working with City of Sonora on an Energy Action Plan.

TUD and the RCD plan to have information available August 30, and September 5, 6 during "Back to School" events.

Mr. Joel Metzger shared, through SB623, a safe drinking water fund is proposed to be created through a water bill tax (.95 per month average). The objection is using water purveyors as tax collectors for the state who will then redistribute the funds. Proponents have changed it to a voluntary tax meaning it will have to go on the bill, but a customer can fill out a form to opt out.

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He suggested those opposed should send a letter immediately to their representatives and Senator Monning. He said ACWA and CCWD have letter templates. He also mentioned SB998 which standardizes when a utility can and cannot shut off water for lack of payment. The bill requires the local health department to inspect the home before lock-off. CCWD also has a template for a letter addressing this legislation.

### 8. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

Ms. Liz Peterson agreed to bring snacks to the next WAC meeting.

### Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC & JPA Meetings: September 19, 2018

### Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

## MEETING ATTENDANCE

### Watershed Advisory Committee Members

Joe Bors	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Present
Raj Rambob	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	
Colette Such	City of Sonora	Present
Connie Williams	CS/Alternate	
Cindy Secada	Murphys Sanitary District	Present
Joseph Fontana	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Langley	MSD/Alternate	
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	Present
Dick Pland	Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources & Environment	Present
Melinda Fleming	TuCARE/Alternate	

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Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	
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
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	
Ann Denton	USFS/Alternate	
Michael Minkler	Utica Water & Power Authority	
Karen Rojas	UWPA/Alternate	Present
Lori Karnes	UWPA/Alternate	

**IRWMA Staff**

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

**Other Interested Parties Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Ron Ringen	TUD
Zaira Lopez	RWQCB
Brian Moss	Calaveras County