



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, February 20, 2019

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS WAC:

1. Discussion of project priorities, how projects align, and which objectives lack enough projects, to include storm water projects
2. Discuss which projects to put forward for Prop One DAC funding
3. Submit approved press releases to media outlets and circulate among WAC members
4. Provide a presentation/discussion on stormwater issues within the region
5. Develop additional press releases as project implementation progresses
6. 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.

The meeting summary was accepted for January 16, 2019.

2. Standing Items:

Grants - Ms. Lindsay Mattos said she submitted an amendment for Round 2 projects. ATCAA asked for an extension and GCSD has completed their project. Two invoices are pending. The Drought Grant was amended to extend to 2021 and two invoices are pending. Ms. Mattos has a phone conference with DWR regarding Phoenix Lake next week.

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott reported most members are in good standing. City of Angels has returned to participation in the WAC and GCSD is rejoining the JPA.

3. Public Comment: Ms. Lott opened the public comment period. No comments were offered.

4. Rescoring of Storm Water Projects and Storm Water Project Scoring

Recommendations:

Three projects were scored the first time. The Project Review Team (PRT) did not score the GCSD rainwater capture project as the PRT did not think it fit in stormwater chapter. The current scoring was set up to score implementation, not planning. The THCSD Stormwater

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Planning project scored 74.33. The PRT recommends adding a checkbox, instead of a measured weighting, if a project is a planning project. The PRT said, in a planning project, the PRT wants to be sure the proponent is going to address everything.

Ms. Mattos passed out the draft storm water project evaluation structure for acceptance into the storm water chapter.

Mr. Tom Trott shared information about the Twain Harte Community-wide Planning Project which spans from the shopping center to the lake. It is a multi-agency planning process – a suite of projects – that would include capture of water for reuse at parks and perhaps at the school and includes an educational demonstration project at a one-acre park.

Mr. Ron Ringen noted he wants to talk with Mr. Trott regarding a groundwater recharge component.

Recommendation: The WAC agreed to recommend the draft scoring changes to the JPA for inclusion in the stormwater chapter of the IRWMP and to include the TWCSO Storm Water Planning Project in the IRWMP.

The Project Review Committee includes Mr. Kirk Ford, Ms. Cindy Secada, Ms. Connie Williams, Ms. Makayla Dillon, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. Tom Trott, Mr. Joe Bors, Mr. Peter Martin.

5. Completed Project Press Releases (TRT, ATCAA, GCSO, & MSD):

Ms. Mattos distributed draft press releases for MSD, TRT, and GCSO projects that are completed. Ms. Dore Bietz suggested adding Tribal government to “about the region.” Mr. Ford asked why no funding amounts were mentioned. Ms. Mattos said she could add the overall grant amount but did not want to put in specific project figures. Some projects have remaining funds and it has not yet been agreed upon with DWR as to how the remaining funds will be allocated for use. ATCAA was not included in the press release as they decided they still could do additional work. It was suggested the press releases be sent to DWR when printed. Mr. Martin offered to share some press contacts in Calaveras County. It was also requested the press releases be distributed to the WAC so WAC members could publicize the projects through their individual networks.

Recommendation: The WAC agreed to recommend the draft press releases with Tribal language to the JPA.

6. Update on Sierra Institute Draft Community Report – WAC Feedback and DACI Implementation Grant:

Ms. Mattos reported one WAC member submitted additional edits to the narrative. These were included in the overall edits submitted to SI which included missing map units.

Mr. Trott reported on discussions from the DACI regional meeting. He provided background for new WAC participants. He said DWR requires 10% of the Prop One funding be used for a DAC needs assessment. The Mountain Counties Funding Region includes nine IRWMs and was allotted \$1.3M for the needs assessment. The regional DACI Coordinating Committee meets to discuss needs, the capacity assessment, and the upcoming implementation round.

Mr. Trott attended a meeting last week and is participating in subcommittees. He said the committee talked about submitting a bundled approach (\$4M available) proposal focused on a common need and is phaseable and scalable. He said most the IRWMs are in favor of this

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approach. CABY not ready to participate at this time as their IRWMP is not updated. The MAC is still unsure about joining together. Mr. Martin said he has concerns about splitting the money as admin eats up a lot.

DWR was in the room doing discussions. While aging infrastructure was the number one priority, it was determined it was not really aligned with the focus. Fire vulnerability is the next priority and everyone in agreement with this priority. Mr. Trott said he would suggest flumes and fire water draft points if acceptable to the T-Stan. This is something that can be replicated. Another consideration is should the available funds be split 50/50 between the two rounds or 35/65. So, the considerations are:

1. Does the T-Stan want to participate in a bundled approach? If so, what project/s would the T-Stan support for their \$1.1M share? Bundled approach
2. Does the T-Stan want to split the available funds equally, which would mean \$1.1M for each of the nine IRWMs?
3. Is fire vulnerability the focus the T-Stan wants to name as the priority for this funding? Fire vulnerability includes watershed protection, water quality, and water supply.
4. If the projects are DAC project, CEQA and permitting can be in progress. If not DAC< CEQA and permitting must be completed. The WAC said merit and the ability to phase the project/s should be criteria when determining which project/s to put forward. It was mentioned there is a need to at water storage at a regional level. Which project/s to put forward should be discussed at the next meeting.
5. The WAC prefers a 70/30 split between the two rounds, understanding whatever is not awarded in round one will go to round two anyway.
6. Regarding grant administration, is the RFQ the way to proceed? Mr. Trott mentioned Sierra Fund may be interested...go forward
7. There is \$550,000 available in technical assistance. Suggestions for utilizing that include information sharing – developing a clearinghouse of resources available, or mapping, or providing technical support to Tribes, or a resource center for assistance. Splitting the \$550,000 nine ways equals approximately \$60,000 for each IRWM. It was suggested funds should be used for on-the-ground coordinators who work with DACs/Tribes on meeting needs and getting grants. These people would work with folks at a local level and help coordinate with funding agencies and the IRWMs. If this is not something the region can agree to, the WAC would like to take its share of the technical assistance funding and proceed locally with this idea.

Recommendation: The WAC agreed to recommend to the JPA that Mr. Trott relay the T-Stan is in favor of the bundled approach, with fire vulnerability as the priority, preference for a 70/30 round split, utilizing the RFQ process for grant administration, and applying the technical assistance funding towards on-the-ground coordinators or allowing the T-Stan to utilize their share to do this independently.

7. Consideration of Proposal from Regina Hurst Regarding GIS for Storm Water Grant Projects

During discussions with Watersheds Progressive's Regina Hurst, Ms. Hurst spoke about the potential value of a GIS mapping tool which she calls "Stormwater Project Identification Tool" (SPIT). She proposes to work with a committee of the WAC and create a mapping tool with all the data available, add planning areas, and calling out projects that are suggested by the mapping. The map tool would user-friendly for future use and the project is scalable. Ms. Mattos said it is possible to fund this through the current budget. The tool would be put up in

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the public domain. Ms. Bietz said the Tribe is supportive and looking forward to being able to identify opportunities. She said this would be money well spent and LIDAR data could be added later. It was noted having flood maps as an overlay would be helpful.

Volunteers for the committee include Ms. Bietz, Ms. Dillon, someone from the county, Mr. Seth Connolly, perhaps CSERC, and the Calaveras County Public Works Director.

Recommendation: There was agreement to recommend the proposal to the JPA board for approval and funding.

7. Discussion of Proposed Workplan 2019-2020:

Ms. Lott distributed the draft workplan as part of the agenda packet. Members made suggestions for field trips and speakers which she will incorporate into the final plan for review and consideration by the JPA board.

8. TCRCD Project Presentation:

Ms. Mattos provided an update presentation on the RCD grant Watershed Conservation Grant through the Drought funding. She said it should be completed by 12/31/2020. They added a landowner resiliency component and have several Landowner Resiliency and Landowner Stewardship Programs in the Round Two grant project, as well. A summary follows.

The mobile water learning lab, augmented reality sandbox, stormwater enviroscape, and the rainfall simulator or teachable components. They have demonstration areas at Sierra Waldorf School and the Mother Lode Fairgrounds where there is rainwater capture for livestock during the fair.

Demonstration sites include Sierra Waldorf School addition, New Melones Visitor Center-rainwater harvesting feeding nursery, and Chinese Camp Elementary (STEM campus for Jamestown School) rainwater harvest. In planning are the Sierra Bible Church, Tenaya Elementary, Summerville High, Sonora Elementary, Twain Harte Elementary, Twain Harte Park and CSD, and TUD sites. These were sites where the RCD provided an assessment of water use and project implementation of one project that was also an educational opportunity.

The Landowner Resiliency Program provides planning and rebates for rainwater harvesting, laundry to landscape, and stormwater BMPs. The RCD will provide a plan and help you the landowner get materials and coordinate installation. For more information see:

www.watertoolkit.org

9. Other Water News:

None

10. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

Ms. Collette Such offered to bring March snacks.

Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC meeting is: March 20, 2019

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

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MEETING ATTENDANCE

Watershed Advisory Committee Members

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| Joe Bors | Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency | |
| | ATCAA/Alternate | |
| Peter Martin | Calaveras County Water District | Present |
| Joel Metzger | CCWD/Alternate | |
| Tom Parrington | Central Sierra Audubon | Present |
| Tom Harrington | CSA/Alternate | |
| John Buckley | Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center | |
| Meg Layhee | CSERC/Alternate | Present |
| Amanda Folendorf | City of Angels Camp | |
| Kevin Silva | CAC/Alternate | Present |
| Colette Such | City of Sonora | Present |
| Connie Williams | CS/Alternate | Present |
| Cindy Secada | Murphys Sanitary District | Present |
| Joseph Fontana | MSD/Alternate | Present |
| Brian Langley | MSD/Alternate | |
| Adam Coyan | Pinecrest Permittees Assoc. | Present |
| Tim Fisher | PPA/Alternate | |
| Dore Bietz | TB of Me-Wuk Indians | Present |
| Doug Roberson | TBMWI/Alternate | |
| Vicki Stone | TBMWI/Alternate | |
| Daniel Richardson | Tuolumne County | |
| Liz Peterson | TC/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 | |
| 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 | |

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| Michael Minkler | Utica Water & Power Authority | |
| Karen Rojas | UWPA/Alternate | |
| Lori Karnes | UWPA/Alternate | Present |

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

| Name | Organization |
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| Ron Ringen | TUD |
| Zaira Lopez | RWQCB |
| Ellya Varone | TRT |
| Edwin Pattison | TUD |
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