



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, July 17, 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. Submit approved press releases to media outlets and circulate among WAC members
3. Provide a presentation/discussion on stormwater issues within the region
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.

The meeting summary was accepted for June 19, 2019.

2. Standing Items:

Grant Summary – Ms. Mattos reported there were no recent changes/updates.

Potential Funding Update – see website

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott reported all are in compliance for attendance.

External Communications – Roundtable of Regions – Ms. Lott reported on a R of R conference call.

YSS – Ms. Lott said YSS and two other collaboratives will be meeting with the USFS regarding a new proposed large landscape effort called Moving Toward Resiliency within the Mokelumne to Kings Landscape (MOTOR M2K). It will likely have some very controversial elements that will need to be worked through.

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

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4. Governor Newsome's Water portfolio Initiative Comment Discussion:

Workshops will be held around the state. Some principles have been settled upon. Ms. Lisa Westbrook noted no funding for IRWMs is mentioned. She said the T-Stan is already working collaboratively on one of the most important watersheds. Ms. Westbrook offered to help staff formulate a letter to bring back in August.

Recommendation: The WAC agreed staff, with Ms. Westbrook's help, should develop a response letter for consideration in August.

5. MCWRA Forest Management & Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Work:

WAC members discussed whether it would be preferable to send in individual agency projects or a combined list for the IRWMA. There was agreement to send in an IRWMA list. Responses should respond to "high priority project areas" for forest management and wildfire prevention and include wildland-urban interface areas, water storage and conveyance facilities, and water distribution appurtenant facilities (lift stations).

Recommendation: Staff will compile a list based on input from districts.

6. SNC Project Concept:

Ms. Mattos shared the RCD and the USFS is working on a preapplication for a fuels' reduction project in Cedar Ridge. The pre-app is due prior to the next WAC meeting, but the project will come back to the WAC and JPA for consideration prior to the final application.

7. DAC Implementation Grant Discussion (9/4, 9/5 workshop presentation):

There are currently four projects in the grant application: GCSD Fire Resiliency Back-up Generators, UWPA Skater Information System Upgrades (presented by UTICA), the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Westside Dam, and TRT Outreach Watershed/Water Conservation Education.

Mr. Trott said it was initially thought there would be a total of \$1.1M for the T-Stan. CABY only agreed to utilizing first round funds which would reduce the amount to \$550,000 available in this round. However, there may be a little bit more available if some IRWMs don't apply. Pre-app materials must be submitted by August 16th, prior to the September workshops. The application goes to DWR and SI. That starts the timeline for DWR review. Feedback will be received before the workshop. The full application is due 8 weeks from post workshop feedback. SWB, CalFIRE, SNC, and Fish and Wildlife are supposed to attend the workshop. There is still no decision about bundling all funding area apps together. Projects are still focused on fire resiliency.

It was agreed project applicants would fill out their portions of the pre-app individually and then meet and work on single pre-app with Ms. Mattos to coordinate.

The discussion focused on whether the projects and associated costs should be modified to reflect only the amount allocated for the T-Stan in Round One. It was noted other funders are supposed to attend the workshops to provide opportunities for additional funding to augment DWR Prop One funding. The WAC did not wish to modify the projects to match the Round One available funds.

Recommendation: Direct Mr. Tom Trott and Ms. Cindy Secada to continue conversations regarding allowing the T-Stan to apply for the total Round One and Round Two funding

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allocation within Round One if supplemental funding is not offered by other funders at the workshop.

8. Technical Assistance Forms:

The WAC was still interested in the circuit rider concept. The idea is to hire someone who is an expert in funding and could work directly with the highest priority DACs and link them with funding.

ATCAA does a needs assessment every year but cannot release the data. It was also agreed it would be great to focus some questions about water within the ATCAA annual needs assessment survey if ATCAA was agreeable and funding was enough to compensate ATCAA. Some ideas were to incorporate a series of questions such as where do you get your water, when was your well last tested, when was your septic last serviced, and how close to are you to an existing utility service?

Mr. Trott noted there is currently a lot of money available that could be leveraged with this funding. Utilities cannot use regular rate funding for DAC assistance but there are other sources of revenue.

Recommendation: Staff to send out the survey by July 25th.

9. SI Draft Section Water/Wastewater Needs Assessment Report:

There was agreement this whole section needs to be rewritten and Ms. Mattos is to let SI know ASAP the T-Stan will be reworking it.

Recommendation: Entities are to send in their information to Ms. Mattos no later than August 12th to be compiled and presented at the August meeting prior to submission to SI.

10. Other Water News:

Ms. Lott shared DWR has offered to help IRWMs compile the application for the Eco-Adapt project. The Tribe offered to host the workshop if the T-Stan is selected. The group agreed it would be great if YSS would be a co-sponsor of the application.

Ms. Westbrook said there is a hazard mitigation grant for generator drop down available again with the pre-app due in August through Cal AWEA.

Recommendation: Ms. Lott to contact YSS and work with DWR on submission of the application on behalf of the IRWMA.

11. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

Ms. Secada offered to bring August snacks.

Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC meeting is August 21, 2019

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Watershed Advisory Committee Members

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Joe Bors	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Present
	ATCAA/Alternate	
Peter Martin	Calaveras County Water District	
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	
Amanda Folendorf	City of Angels Camp	
Kevin Silva	CAC/Alternate	
Colette Such	City of Sonora	
Connie Williams	CS/Alternate	Present
Spencer Edwards	Groveland Community Services	Present
Janice Kwiatkowski	GCSD/Alternate	
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	
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	
Liz Peterson	Tuolumne County	Present
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Kevin Rice	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	Present
Jon M. Sturtevant	TGSC/Alternate	
Patrick Koepfle	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	
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Lori Karnes	Utica Water & Power Authority	
	UWPA/Alternate	

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Ron Ringen	TUD
Ed Pattison	TUD