



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Joint Powers Authority Board and Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, January 15, 2020

HOMEWORK:

1. Review materials sent in advance of the meeting and bring copies with you to the meeting.

****FINALIZED MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE****

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SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks, Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items, and Standing Items:

JPA Board Chair Ron Ringen opened the board meeting at 9:00 a.m. and Ms. Carolyn Lott opened the WAC meeting. Introductions were made.

Action: Director Cindy Secada moved and Director Spencer Edwards seconded a motion to approve the meeting summary for November 20, 2019. The motion was approved with Director Gary Sipperly abstaining.

Agreement: The WAC agreed to accept the meeting summary of November 20, 2019.

2. Public Comment:

The public comment period was opened by Chair Ringen and no comments were heard. The chair closed the public comment period.

3. Election of Officers and Representatives:

Action: Director Sipperly moved, and Director Secada seconded a motion to elect Chair Ringen as the chair for 2020. The vote was unanimous.

Action: Director Secada moved, and Director Sipperly seconded, a motion to elect Director Secada as vice-chair and Director Sipperly as secretary/treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Director Sipperly moved and Director Edwards seconded a motion to name Director Secada as the representative for the IRWM at ACWA.

4. Standing Items:

Ms. Mattos reported the Prop One DAC Implementation Proposal was submitted in December. DWR said the proposal was accepted. It is a non-competitive process. The projects are: Communications Tower submitted by UPUD/UTICA, Westside Dam submitted by the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and the GCSD Lift Station Generator. The proposal is for approximately \$800,000.

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Ms. Mattos reported regarding the DAC Technical Assistance Grant. The T-Stan JPA accepted a draft agreement with the Mokelumne Amador Calaveras (MAC) IRWM at last meeting. The MAC is taking the agreement to their meeting for consideration this month. Sierra Institute (SI) said technical assistance grants will be submitted as one regional package with a contract between DWR and SI. SI has received an extension until November for their contract with DWR.

This project will utilize ATCAA to analyze the needs of DACs and to hire someone to analyze results and develop 2-5 project ideas. Chair Ringen thanked Director Secada and Mr. Tom Trott for championing this for the region.

Director Secada said there will need to be a committee to work on questions for the survey. The WAC agreed they would like to spend time on concepts for the survey. They also wish to agendize a presentation by CCWD on their DAC payment reduction plan.

DAC Assessment Report: Ms. Lott gave summary of this process and product. Ms. Mattos has spoken with the representative from SI and resubmitted the T-Stan comments in the form of changes to the draft document. Ms. Mattos said she was told SI has the edits and they will choose what they will accept. The Chair said Ms. Carmel Brown indicated to him she is not going to accept the report unless the IRWMs accept their report. Director Secada and Mr. Trott will speak with SI.

Ms. Lott gave a report on Members in Good Standing indicating all members are in good standing.

YSS: Mr. John Buckley provided background on YSS for new IRWM members. He also reviewed some of the current activities underway and pending.

5. Report on Roundtable of Regions Conference:

Ms. Dore Bietz attended the conference on behalf of the IRWM. She said many IRWMs are not engaging Tribes. Ms. Bietz was the only tribal person there. She said there was a presentation on the Governor's Water Resiliency Portfolio and the need to push the importance of IRWMs. Participants said funding, access, and representation are IRWM areas to improve. There was also discussion regarding rural areas be the location of headwaters and urban areas using most of the water. Another panel addressed the correlation among watershed health, climate change and fire. She said state agencies really need to hear from IRWMs where they are working well.

6. Letter and Attachments to Ms. Carmel Brown:

The Chair said the production of this letter was an outcome of his conversation with Ms. Brown. She asked for information about why IRWMs are valuable that she can use in a variety of settings.

Action: Director Sipperly moved and Director Secada seconded a motion to send the letter and supporting documents to Ms. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Financial Report:

Ms. Mattos said the IRWM functions on a fiscal year cycle. This fiscal year is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Director Sipperly asked that a column be added to indicate the percentage of expenditure for each line item. It was also suggested the title be changed from Financial Report to Budget Performance Report.

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Action: Director Sipperly moved and Director Secada seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Draft Workplan Discussion:

Ms. Lott presented information about the current workplan and asked for discussion regarding the workplan for the 20-21 fiscal year. Mr. Buckley offered to investigate a speaker to talk about the effects of Nutria. It was also mentioned Ms. Brown might coordinate a joint meeting with the SF IRWM.

Action: Director Spencer moved and Director Sipperley seconded a motion to accept the 2020-2021 Work Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. SPIT – Where can we go from here:

Ms. Mattos said there is a need to get a proposal for the next phase of work. She provided background on the Stormwater Project Identification Tool which was paid for by the board at a cost of \$10,000. This tool is a way to look at stormwater project opportunities. It would be helpful to get LIDAR data incorporated.

Watershed Progressive is the consultant who developed the tool and would be working with the IRWM on the next phase. Ms. Mattos and WP are looking into funding from SNC.

Mr. Buckley said when problems such as downtown Sonora are known and nothing has been done about them, he struggles with the idea of spending time creating new projects. Ms. Mattos said having the modeling tool backing up projects helps support grant applications. It also shows where stormwater can be utilized.

10. Forest Restoration Action Plan Workshop:

Mr. Byron Krempl provided the workshop. He spoke about large landscape planning. He said the Highway 108 FireSafe Council is working on a conceptual project of a one mile wide and 26-mile long fuelbreak. TuCARE is creating a fund to help pay for this. YSS is looking at three “areas of focus” North 108, 3N01 and Red Cloud. There is a patchwork quilt of proposed and ongoing projects.

The county is in the process of getting LIDAR data and it will begin to be processed into useable information. Data interpretation is a guide, not a definitive prescription. The Large Landscape Plan will contain project areas and project units.

The North 108 Project Area is approximately 60,000 acres with 18,575 acres that are merchantable. 3N01 is 12, 275 acres with 4,135 acres that are merchantable. Red Cloud is 12,667 acres and 829 acres are merchantable.

Mr. Krempl spoke about objectives of the action plan. It is important to show where infrastructure exists. Members asked if Mr. Krempl could establish a baseline for objectives. Some changes suggested include the following:

#H3 add wildland urban interface

#H2 met target – get the #s from Mr. Seth Connolly

F#2 has been accomplished so new language is needed

In reference to ecosystem need to add diversity

#G needs to be updated. Fire and meadows is completed.

#3 is relative to LLP and add annually, quarterly, etc.

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H #1 meeting with Cedar Ridge
#2 move volunteer to completed and update language

A subcommittee was selected to coordinate with YSS and Mr. Krempl and consists of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Patrick Koepele, Ms. Bietz, someone from the county and someone from the Forest Service.

11. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

Ms. Rebecca Miller-Cripps offered to bring February snacks and Ms. Secada volunteered for March.

Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next WAC meeting is February 19, 2020. The next JPA meeting is March 18, 2020.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Cindy Secada	Calaveras County Water District	Present
Russ Thomas	CCWD/Alternate	
Spencer Edwards	Groveland Community Services District	Present
Janice Kwiatkowski	GCSD/Alternate	
Joseph Fontana	Murphys Sanitary District	
	MSD/Alternate	
Karl Rodefer	Tuolumne County	
Ryan Campbell	TC/Alternate	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Barbara Balen	TUD/Alternate	
Gary Sipperley	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present
Tom Trott	THCSD/Alternate	Present
Rob Perry	THCSD/Alternate	

Watershed Advisory Committee Members

Astrid Torres	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Present
Joe Bors	ATCAA/Alternate	
	Calaveras County Water District	
Joel Metzger	CCWD/Alternate	Present

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Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	Present
Tom Harrington	CSA/Alternate	Present
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	Present
	CSERC/Alternate	
Melissa Eads	City of Angels Camp	
Chris O'Flinn	CAC/Alternate	Present
Colette Such	City of Sonora	Present
Connie Williams	CS/Alternate	
Spencer Edwards	Groveland Community Services	
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	
Luis Melchor	GCSD/Alternate	
Rebecca Miller-Cripps	Jamestown Sanitary District	Present
Patti Ingalls	JSD/Alternate	
Cindy Secada	Murphys Sanitary District	
Joseph Fontana	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Langley	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Barclay	Pinecrest Permittees Assoc.	Present
Tim Fisher	PPA/Alternate	
Dore Bietz	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	Present
Doug Roberson	TBMWI/Alternate	
Vicki Stone	TBMWI/Alternate	
Natalie Rizzi	Tuolumne County	Present
Denise Zitnik	TC/Alternate	
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Kevin Rice	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	Present
	TGSC/Alternate	
Patrick Koepele	Tuolumne River Trust	
Seth Connolly	TRT/Alternate	
Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	
Makayla Dillon	TUD/Alternate	
Ed Pattison	TUD/Alternate	Present
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	
Robb Perry	THCSD/Alternate	
	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	
Lucas Wilkinson	USFS/Alternate	Present
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Lori Karnes	Utica Water & Power Authority	Present

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Raychel Nash	UWPA/Alternate	
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IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Byron Krempf	TRT