



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, September 16, 2020

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS WAC:

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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 and Consideration of Meeting Summary:

Ms. Carolyn Lott opened the meeting and recorded attendance.

The meeting summary was accepted for August 19, 2020.

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

3. Standing Items:

Grant Summary – Ms. Mattos reported she finished a quarterly report for the Drought Contract which still includes the RCD Conservation Project, the TH Well Project, and the TUD Phoenix Lake Project.

A grant agreement is being developed with DWR for the new Prop One grant.

DACI Technical Assistance Grant: The grant agreement with SI has been signed.

Potential Funding Update – see website

Members in Good Standing:

Ms. Lott reported all JPA members have paid their 2020-2021 FY dues. City of Sonora, USFS, and TBMWI are the only WAC members who have yet to pay.

External Communications – Roundtable of Regions

Mr. Brad Arnold, CCWD, volunteered to replace Ms. Lott as the T-Stan R. of R. representative. There were no objections to recommending this to the JPA. Mr. Arnold reported the R. of R. has two new Steering Committee members. The SC established a priority from the communications plan to conduct an assessment of the regions to highlight successes around the state and increase engagement with the public. He also share a new grant portal www.grants.ca.gov. On September 8th there will be a webinar tour of the portal.

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Recommendation: Recommend to the JPA board that Mr. Arnold become the T-Stan IRWMA R. of R. representative.

YSS:

Mr. John Buckley said how forests are managed can affect water quality/quantity. YSS is partnering with USFS on 92,000 acres for programmatic planning to help with pace and scale of treatment. There is a high level of scrutiny from environmental groups outside CA. YSS is helping to support this project called SERAL. ACCG is also working to get treatment done on a larger scale. Mr. Buckley will provide periodic updates over the next year.

4. Technical Assistance Survey Questions and Next Steps:

Ms. Mattos said, as of last Friday, the TA grant contract with SI was signed so now work can begin. The MAC is working on feedback on the questions. The goal of the project is to do follow-up work on DAC individuals needs versus just districts' needs. After the survey is analyzed, there is a next step of putting together projects.

5. Close Out Presentation on USFS Meadows Project:

Ms. Tracy Weddle provided a presentation on the Upper South Fork Stanislaus River Watershed Restoration and Water Quality Enhancement Project. Leland Gully was used as grant match. Coyote Meadow was funded entirely through Prop 84. Bloomer, Bluff, Groundhog, Upper Three, and Middle Three Meadows were jointly funded by IRWM and WCB Prop 84. The focus of the projects was meadow restoration. Culvert treatment was dropped from the project due to CEQA issues. Culvert work was done through the USFS with NEPA.

The goals of the restoration efforts were to stabilize hydrologic conditions and/or restore hydrologic function and reroute trails.

The FS uses barbed and electric fence to protect treated areas from grazing activity during vegetative recovery.

The bulk of the presentation was comprised of before, during, and after pictures to include work in progress.

6. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Accomplishments:

Ms. Lott provided a list of accomplishments for the FY. No one had any edits or additions. The list will be posted on the T-Stan website.

Agreement: There was agreement to recommend the Accomplishment List to the JPA for support.

7. Update Measurable Planning Targets in IRWMP:

Ms. Mattos received comments regarding adjustments based on project completions, changed circumstances, etc. Some members had already submitted suggestions prior to the meeting. Others plan to submit in the coming weeks. Ms. Mattos will compile the suggestions and bring them back to the WAC for discussion in September.

8. Request for Volunteers for Project Review Committee and Technical Advisors:

Ms. Lott noted because of attrition, additional volunteers are needed. Ms. Tracy Weddle volunteered for the PRC.

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9. Discussion by Project proponents to Regarding Reallocation of Remaining Round 2 Funds to TUD for Phoenix Lake Project:

Ms. Mattos said there was a request from TUD to move remaining unused funds in the Round 2 grant to the Phoenix Lake project. The MSD project is complete and there is a remaining balance of approximately \$39,000. ATCAA and USFS have closed out with no remaining funds. TRT is in close out and has no remaining funds. CCWD is in close out. GCSD in close out with no remaining funds. All project proponents must agree.

A vote was taken to reallocate excess funds from closed out projects and apply said funds to the Phoenix Lake TUD project. MSD, yes from Ms. Cindy Secada, USFS, yes from Mr. Lucas Wilkinson, RCD, yes from Mr. Kirk Ford, ATCAA, yes from Ms. Astrid Torres, TUD, yes from Mr. Ron Ringen, TRT, yes from Mr. Seth Connelly, and CCWD, yes from Ms. Secada. Mr. Spencer Edwards, GCSD, stepped away from the meeting. Ms. Mattos will contact GCSD, Mr. Pete Kampa.

X. Other Water News:

None

XI. Next WAC and Board Meetings: September 16, 2020.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Watershed Advisory Committee Members

Joe Bors	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	
Astrid Torres	ATCAA/Alternate	Present
Brad Arnold	Calaveras County Water District	Present
	CCWD/Alternate	
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	Present
Tom Harrington	CSA/Alternate	Present
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	Present
Sara Husby	CSERC/Alternate	
Melissa Eads	City of Angels Camp	
Chris O'Flinn	CAC/Alternate	
Colette Such	City of Sonora	Present
	CS/Alternate	
Spencer Edwards	Groveland Community Services	Present
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	
Luis Melchor	GCSD/Alternate	
Rebecca Miller-Cripps	Jamestown Sanitary District	Present
Patricia Ingalls	JSD/Alternate	
Cindy Secada	Murphys Sanitary District	Present

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Dan Murphy	MSD/Alternate	
Clay Onstad	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Barclay	Pinecrest Permittes Assoc.	
Tim Fisher	PPA/Alternate	
Dore Bietz	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	
Doug Roberson	TBMWI/Alternate	
Natalie Rizzi	Tuolumne County	Present
Denise Zitnik	TC/Alternate	Present
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Kevin Rice	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
	TGSC/Alternate	
Patrick Koepele	Tuolumne River Trust	
Seth Connolly	TRT/Alternate	Present
Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Makayla Dillon	TUD/Alternate	
Ed Pattison	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	
Robb Perry	THCSD/Alternate	
	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	
Lucas Wilkinson	USFS/Alternate	Present
	USFS/Alternate	
Lori Karnes	Utica Water & Power Authority	Present
Karlee 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
Tracy Weddle	USFS
Joel Metzger	UTICA
Bruce Miller	MSD

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