



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Joint JPA and Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, June 16, 2021

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.
2. Hear update on SPIT project and future work.

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

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SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks and Consideration of Meeting Summary:

Chair Ron Ringen call the JPA Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Carolyn Lott opened the WAC meeting and recorded attendance.

Motion: Chair Ringen moved, and Director Sipperley seconded, a motion to approve the March 17, 2021, meeting summary. The vote was unanimous.

Agreement: There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of April 21, 2021, as the summary of record.

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

3. Standing Items:

Grants Updates

Ms. Lindsay Mattos reported, since April, she has been working with grantees on closing the Round Two contract. Three project proponents are done and five are working on closing. A small amendment was put through on the Drought contract. The new Prop One contract went through CEQA concurrence and proponents can now commence work.

Members in Good Standing:

Ms. Lott noted all members are in good standing.

External Communications

Mr. Brad Arnold reported the ROR met on May 19th with the Dept. of Water Resources to discuss drought preparedness. DWR has drought information on their website. The ROR is advocating for funding in this budget for multi-benefit projects.

Outreach Subcommittee

Mr. Arnold said the committee followed up on the fact sheet for DWR to speak to the positive outcomes from the IRWMA in this region. They are working on a drought flier. DWR was concerned that IRWMA do not have enough of a public face in helping inform the public on the

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drought. This flier should be ready for review next month and be presented to the WAC in August.

YSS:

Mr. John Buckley reminded the group YSS is a parallel collaborative effort working on watershed health. The SERAL project is a new project, on 90,000 acres of USFS land. The environmental documents should be open for public comments in the next few months.

Mr. Buckley said millions of dollars have been gained by YSS and the County just this year.

Chair Ringen asked about South Fork Stanislaus Canyon work. Mr. Buckley said SERAL is the project that will treat 90,000 acres of the South Fork Watershed. The Cedar Ridge area has an approved project that will allow treatment to start.

4. Update on DACI Project:

Ms. Lott reported on behalf of Ms. Holly Alpert. Approximately 1,800 surveys have been filled out online. Paper surveys have been distributed to the Senior Center and Interfaith. They will be collected later this month. Analysis of the returns have not begun yet. Most of Calaveras and Amador Counties have not actively participated. Ms. Lott reached out to CC Health and Human Services and Environmental Health, as well as CCWD and UTICA. Ms. Secada and Mr. Arnold will follow up. Ms. Secada also offered to investigate distributing in-person to churches and other organizations.

5. SPIT Presentation

Watershed Progressive provided the presentation. The basis of their work is the assumption that individual parcel owners and communities can adapt to effects of climate change and the concept that water can be used and reused in different ways. A diverse local level portfolio is key. Transformation on parcels and key land use can add up and provide cumulative benefits to communities where we live, work, and play. SPIT looks for zonal opportunities for stormwater projects. The primary goals of projects developed with the help of SPIT are improved water quality, water reuse, and local flooding reduction. The full presentation can be found here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/library/documents/> Currently, as directed by the WAC in April, staff is looking for funding to expand the SPIT model to other objectives/goals and also for quantification tools to help prioritize projects. This is called quantification of opportunities.

6. Other Water News:

Ms. Westbrook said the end of spill came early for TUD, so they are already supplying customers through water storage.

Chair Ringen has been speaking with Assemblymember Bigelow's office regarding grant funding for fire/water drafting points.

Next WAC and Board Meetings: July 21, 2021.

Chair Ringen adjourned the JPA Board at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

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MEETING ATTENDANCE
Watershed Advisory Committee Members

Craig Case	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Present
Joe Bors	ATCAA/Alternate	
Brad Arnold	Calaveras County Water District	Present
	CCWD/Alternate	
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	Present
	CSA/Alternate	
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	Present
Sara Husby	CSERC/Alternate	
Jeremy Leonard	City of Angels Camp	
Isabel Moncada	CAC/Alternate	
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
Dan Murphy	MSD/Alternate	
Clay Onstad	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Barclay	Pinecrest Permittees Assoc.	Present
Chris Barth	PPA/Alternate	
Diana Beasley	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	Present
Eric Junker	TBMW/Alternate	
Natalie Rizzi	Tuolumne County	
Denise Zitnik	TC/Alternate	Present
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Kevin Rice	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Jim Bearden	TGSC/Alternate	
Byron Kremple	Tuolumne River Trust	
Patrick Koepele	TRT/Alternate	
Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Makayla Dillon	TUD/Alternate	

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Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present
Robb Perry	THCSD/Alternate	
Tracy Weddle	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	
Lucas Wilkinson	USFS/Alternate	
Lori Karnes	Utica Water & Power Authority	
Karlee Karnes	UWPA/Alternate	Present

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Charles Segerstrom	Sonora Energy Committee
Joel Metzger	UTICA
Tony Madrone	Watershed Progressive
Regina Hirsch	Watershed Progressive
Kevin Tulp	Watershed Progressive

Joint Powers Authority Board Attendance

Cindy Secada	Calaveras County Water District	Present
Russ Thomas	CCWD/Alternate	
Spencer Edwards	Groveland Community Services District	Present
Janice Kwiatkowski	GCSD/Alternate	
Bruce Miller	Murphys Sanitary District	Present
Dan Murphy	MSD/Alternate	
Kathleen Haff	Tuolumne County	
Jaron Brandon	TC/Alternate	Present
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Lisa Murphy	TUD/Alternate	
Gary Sipperley	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present
Tom Trott	THCSD/Alternate	Present