



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water
Management Authority Watershed Advisory
Committee Meeting Summary
August 18, 2021**

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. Hear presentation on SWRCB funding opportunities
2. Consider pursuing a CA Resilience Challenge Grant

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

<http://tstan-irwma.org/>

SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks and Consideration of Meeting Summary:

Ms. Carolyn Lott called the meeting to order and thanked Murphy Sanitary District for hosting the July field trip. She asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for July 21, 2021. None were offered.

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

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

3. Standing Items:

Grant Update – Ms. Lindsay Mattos said Round 2, and the drought grant, are closing out with the final close-out in December. Annual monitoring is required so monitoring plans will be submitted. Ms. Mattos said it appears DWR may drop monitoring requirements from ten years to three years.

Members in Good Standing – The only person out of compliance is Mr. Russell Thomas whose Ethics certificate has expired. Ms. Lott has contacted him.

Roundtable Table of Regions – Mr. Brad Arnold said the ROR has not met since March, but has been advocating for funding through climate change and water bonds, etc. He mentioned there are lots of materials on the Roundtable of Regions' website to help agencies with advocacy for IRWMs.

Outreach Subcommittee Report – Mr. Arnold said the Drought handout was distributed to the committee and they will provide distribution recommendations at the next WAC meeting.

YSS – Ms. Lott said through the MSA, \$5M was recently awarded by Cal FIRE. Much on-the-ground work is taking place. YSS is working with the USFS on plans for implementation projects in the SERAL area to include surveys.

4. Update on the DACI Project:

Ms. Lott reported for Ms. Holly Alpert from the CA Rural Water Association. She said there was a lot of outreach in the T-Stan region and the deadline was extended to July 16th so the MAC would have more time for outreach. There were a total of 1,694 responses with 86% from

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Tuolumne County, 12% from Calaveras County, and a handful from Alpine and Amador. 34% of all responses fell under the DAC threshold. Ms. Alpert will primarily focus on the DAC responses but will see what can be learned from the others. 92% are on a local water system. 80% feel their water is safe to drink. Yet half of respondents use some sort of purifier and 31% purchase bottled water. Over 800 responses said improvements in the water system are needed. Almost 600 responded saying improvements in sewer systems are needed. There is still a lot of analysis to do. Ms. Secada asked if copies could be provided.

5. Presentation on Water Board's Funding Opportunities:

Ms. Brenda Pauli, Project Manager, SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance provided a presentation on funding opportunities. The full presentation can be found here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/library/documents/>.

In response to questions, Ms. Pauli said requests for technical assistance usually take approximately 4-6 weeks for a response from agency staff. For leak detection they have contractors who can provide the service and their contract is directly with the contractor. A newer piece of funding allows for some operations and maintenance funding. Dore Bietz, at the county's OES, is the contact for failing individual well owners. Ms. Mattos referenced the SPIT model and how it supports storm water projects.

6. CA Resilience Challenge Grant Opportunity:

Ms. Mattos reminded the group they had discussed pursuing outside funding to further develop the SPIT model the IRWMA funded in the initial stages. There is a grant opportunity coming up that allows for requests up to \$200,000. Ms. Mattos suggested applying for the full amount. The proposal would be for funds to update the SPIT model to allow more than stormwater applications and convert the tool to the Resilience Strategy Identification Tool. Ms. Mattos said she is proposing adding drought and flooding applications.

There would be two-three lens and scoring criteria for the entire IRWM area. For the funding, Ms. Mattos suggested focusing on a specific area, as was done in Twain Harte for the stormwater grant. She offered Groveland as the location. She said it has a history of flooding and drought and is a small enough area to fund through this effort. The model would be run to determine best practices. The results would be married with work from the county and then a list of project concepts for that area would be produced. She suggested using a little piece of the county culvert plan and conducting a small inventory of county culverts in the Groveland area. The focus would be on Groveland proper. They would develop a concept plan for projects in that area.

Ms. Denise Zitnik said the county is excited about this opportunity. They are really interested in doing work in the creek area and taking a connected look at the whole Groveland area.

7. Amended THCS D Storm Water Project Worksheet for Inclusion in the IRWMP:

Mr. Tom Trott reminded the group last year the JPA adopted a resolution to include the project in the IRWMP. As part of the funding for this project, the SWB looked at the current description of the project components in the plan and said they want a more specific project description in the IRWMP. The funded project is a combination of three THCS D projects currently in the Plan. To address this, Mr. Trott produced an amended worksheet.

Agreement: There was agreement to recommend the project worksheet to the board for inclusion in the IRWMP.

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Next WAC and Board Meetings: September 17, 2021.

Submitted by:
Ms. Carolyn Lott

**MEETING ATTENDANCE
Watershed Advisory Committee Members**

Craig Case	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	
Joe Bors	ATCAA/Alternate	
Brad Arnold	Calaveras County Water District	
	CCWD/Alternate	
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	Present
	CSA/Alternate	
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	
Sara Husby	CSERC/Alternate	Present
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	Present
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 Permitees Assoc.	Present
Chris Barth	PPA/Alternate	
Diana Beasley	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	
Eric Junker	TBMW/Alternate	Present
Natalie Rizzi	Tuolumne County	
Denise Zitnik	TC/Alternate	Present
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Jim Bearden	TGSC/Alternate	Present
Byron Kremple	Tuolumne River Trust	
Patrick Koepele	TRT/Alternate	

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Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Makayla Dillon	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present
Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	
Tracy Weddle	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	Present
Lucas Wilkinson	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	

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Don Perkins	Tuolumne Utilities District
Joel Metzger	Utica Water & Power Authority
Ron Ringen	TUD
Holly Alpert	Sierra Institute
Brenda Pauli	SWRCB
Jaron Brandon	Tuolumne County
Bruce Miller	Murphy Sanitary District