



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Summary November 17, 2021

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. Hear close-out presentations for DWR funded projects
2. Review worksheet for project admission into IRWMP
3. Learn about Climate Resiliency Grant proposal submitted

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

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SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks and Consideration of Meeting Summary:

Ms. Carolyn Lott called the meeting to order. She asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for October 20, 2021. None were offered.

Agreement: There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of October 20, 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 she is working on grant close-outs for Round Two (2) and two close-outs for the Drought. The Prop One funding has had the first invoice submitted.

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott noted most members had already paid their invoices for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and reminders had been sent to those who still need to pay.

Roundtable of Regions Report – Mr. Brad Arnold said the ROR is holding their annual summit and the focus is on climate change. It was noted some IRWMs in the rural areas are within a few thousand dollars of folding. Mr. Arnold said he was elected to the Steering Committee.

YSS – Mr. John Buckley reported Friday is a General Membership meeting with a presentation from Dr. Eric Knapp. A variety of on-the-ground projects are being administered through the Master Stewardship Agreement. The SERAL Project Environmental Assessment and final proposed action will be released around the first week of December. That opens the door for public comment. This is a very large project.

4. Drought Education Handout:

Mr. Arnold stated the Drought Education Handout was ready for use by members. If they wished to personalize for their agency/organization that is fine. If there are any changes they would like to the basic piece, they should communicate those to Mr. Arnold.

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5. RCD Close-out Presentation:

Ms. Mattos asked to postpone this item to a later date.

6. Other Water News:

Mr. Buckley said he participated in an Upper Tuolumne Watershed call. The bottom line is stored water is approximately 50% of normal. The two-storm bonanza of water was welcomed, but the projection is there are not significant storms coming in the next few months. The optimum outlook is 70% of normal for the snowpack.

7. DAC Project Development Workshop:

Ms. Mattos said DWR has set aside \$50 million for DACs and Tribes within the new funding package. The money must be awarded through an entity that has already been awarded DAC funding which is why the money for the T-Stan is going to go through Sierra Institute.

The DACI set-aside for the Mountain Counties Funding Area equals \$525,000 per IRWM Region. The general pot of funds is for \$95M and is available statewide. The T-Stan could apply for funds from both offerings. The general pot applications for the first round are due Nov 19th and the second round is due Dec 17th which currently includes the Mountain Counties funding application, as well.

The multi-benefit pot has a minimum ask of a \$2M ask. It can be an individual project or bundled projects. It can be the IRWM can be the applicant, or it can be an individual applicant. If you are bundling, it must be one applicant. There is no match required. There are also advance payments for 25% of the funding.

Eligible project types include hauled, bottled, water, water tanks, vending machines, new wells, or rehab of old wells. Projects must address the immediate impact on human health and safety, fish, and wildlife resources, or lost or contaminated of water supplies. The statewide pot must have primary and secondary benefit. To be prioritized, it first must be able to commence immediately upon funding or respond to critical human and/or wildlife emergencies.

A member suggested for the general pot of funds, the remainder of the Phoenix Lake project should be considered as it positions the county for greater water storage. The CEQA is done, and the amount of soil that needs to be removed needs to go over to the orchards and needs to be received before the orchards are replanted. The project is also ready to commence immediately. The IRWMA has already supported this project. Letters of support from IRWMA and from the county would be helpful.

Other ideas raised for the DAC funding through the Mountain Counties Funding Region included:

1. Water Stations for the Homeless – (Need to check with Covers on water delivery availability)
2. Well Testing
3. Water Storage Tanks
4. Failing wells
5. Recharge rates and well water quality – (Tuolumne Band)
6. Perhaps Chicken Ranch Rancheria would have a project that involves water access

Next WAC and Board Meetings: December 15, 2021.

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
	CSERC/Alternate	
Caroline Schirato	City of Angels Camp	Present
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	
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	TBMWI/Alternate	
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	
Byron Kremple	Tuolumne River Trust	
Patrick Koepele	TRT/Alternate	
Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	
	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present

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Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	Present
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	Carlton Consulting	Present
Lindsay Mattos	TCRCD	Present

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Ron Ringen	TUD