



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water
Management Authority Watershed Advisory
Committee Meeting Summary
December 15, 2021**

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. Discuss projects to include in DAC funding proposal
2. Discuss second application for multi-benefit funds
3. Consideration of subcommittee formation to develop a change of funding region

****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. Ms. Lott asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for November 17, 2021. None were offered.

Agreement: There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of November 17, 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 grant contracts end December 31st so must be closed out by January 31. Retention claim forms for four projects were sent to the state. The first invoice has been sent in for The Prop One contract. The Climate Resilience Challenge grant was not funded so Ms. Mattos would like to add the IRWM project to a list for which the state is looking for funding. It was for a planning project for a stormwater plan for Groveland private foundation.

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott noted CCWD, and City of Angels, are out of compliance for attendance.

Roundtable of Regions Report – Mr. Brad Arnold spoke to the efforts on the climate change conference and information is available on the Roundtable website. Mr. Arnold was seated on Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee.

YSS – Mr. John Buckley reported the FS released the SERAL Large Landscape Plan for approximately 94,000 acres. Alternative One includes mechanical treatment on 50,000 acres, 20,000 acres for prescribed burn, and a variety of other treatments such as fuel breaks, mastication, etc. Alternative One is the plan produced by YSS. Alternative 2 is no action. Alternative 3 does not include major changes from CA Spotted Owl policy. Alternative 4 includes

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the least number of medium trees allowing logging only up to 20 inches in diameter. The public meeting is on January 5th. Millions of dollars in funding, for work on the Stanislaus National Forest, has been acquired through efforts of YSS, the Forest Service, and Tuolumne County.

4. Discuss Projects to Include in DAC Funding Proposal

Ms. Mattos said the T-Stan can apply for \$525,000 in projects. The projects suggested to date include the water filling station for the homeless and well tests for well owners. The water filling stations could easily cost \$100,000 with one being placed in the T-Stan portion of Calaveras County and two to three placed in Tuolumne County. The rest of the funds could be used for a well test program. Ms. Denise Zitnik, from TC staff, is assisting with information.

Ms. Mattos said she has a resource in Tulare who has done filling stations and can help her understand the components. Ms. Lisa Westbrook suggested coordinating a meeting with TUD and the county to work on locations.

Mr. Buckley questioned whether each station would cost \$25,000. He suggested a set amount of money going to the utility providing the water to be used for a specific period. He added the amount of water that can be taken should be constrained so it is not abused. He also suggested a relatively low flow so it could not be used to fill a water truck.

Mr. Buckley said they should look to the districts for which contaminants are most likely for well contamination so not testing for everything. For those that have test results that show a contaminant of high concern, the fund could provide some amount of money to help rectify the problem.

Mr. Craig Case offered assistance from ATCAA in putting together ideas for project.

Ms. Colette Such said she is on the TC Commission for the homeless and she is on the committee dealing with camps so she would like to be involved.

Ms. Cindy Secada offered to help put projects together within the T-Stan region of Calaveras County. She also suggested talking with the MAC to see if they wish to collaborate.

6. Discuss Second Application for Multi-Benefit Funds:

Ms. Mattos said Twain Harte and the Tuolumne Band applied for tanks in the first submission. Pinecrest Permitees and the Tuolumne Band have projects for the second application. Ms. Diana Beasley said the full upgrade of water line to 8-inch water line was not fully funded so there are pressure problems. Their project for this application includes upgrading the remaining portion of the water lines for homes and fire hydrants. The line is from the 70's and there are concerns about corrosion and breakage. The cost is \$2.5M.

Mr. Brian Barclay said the Pinecrest application includes replacing aging water tanks. Both are bolt sealed tanks showing significant corrosion and deterioration. Their project cost is \$827,000 with \$50,000 in matching funds.

Mr. Buckley asked about Phoenix Lake. Ms. Westbrook said Phoenix Lake does not meet the qualifications for this round. TUD is putting together Phase 2 and will be presenting it to the IRWM in January. TUD applied for a \$2.9 million grant for the Mt. Provo Water Transmission and Intertie for Ponderosa Hills and the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians through the DWR Urban Drought Funding program.

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Agreement: The WAC recommended the application to the JPA for approval.

6. Consideration of Subcommittee Formation to Develop a Change of Funding Region Legislative Request:

Mr. Ron Ringen said he had hoped to come with a fact sheet but wasn't provided the information he needed from his source. He said the T-Stan used to be in a watershed-related region. Through legislative action, the funding regions were changed, and the T-Stan became part of the new Mountain Counties Region. Mr. Ringen suggested going back to watershed boundaries. He suggested forming a subcommittee to investigate this issue.

Mr. Buckley noted agreement from other IRWMs in the Mountain Counties Region would seem necessary. Mr. Ringen said he would bring back more information in January.

7. Water News:

None was offered.

Next WAC and Board Meetings: January 19, 2022.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

**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
Caitlin Rich	CSERC/Alternate	Present
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	
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	

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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	
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Jim Bearden	TGSC/Alternate	Present
Byron Kremple	Tuolumne River Trust	Present
Patrick Koepele	TRT/Alternate	
Lisa Westbrook	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
	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	Present

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Ron Ringen	TUD
Lisa Murphy	TUD