



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water
Management Authority Watershed Advisory
Committee Meeting Summary
March 16, 2022**

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. New project presentation TUD
2. Draft workplan for 2022-23

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

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

SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks and Consideration of Resolution 2022-02:

Ms. Carolyn Lott called the meeting to order. Ms. Lindsay Mattos presented Resolution 2022-02 - A Resolution of the Watershed Advisory Committee of the Tuolumne Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority to Proclaim and Authorize Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Watershed Advisory Committee for 30 Days Pursuant to AB361 Brown Act Provisions.

Agreement: A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-02 was made by Ms. Cindy Secada and seconded by Ms. Colette Such. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of February 16, 2022, Meeting Summary

Ms. Lott asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for February 16, 2022. None were offered.

Agreement: There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of February 16, 2022, as the summary of record.

3. Public Comment:

Ms. Lott opened the public comment period. It was noted meetings can be held in person with masks optional. Stryker Court county facilities were suggested as a meeting space because of the spaciousness of the main room. Ms. Lott closed the public comment period.

4. Standing Items:

Grant Update – Ms. Lindsay Mattos said the Round Two completion report has been submitted and DWR will release the final retention funds. The Drought Contract completion report is being drafted. She is putting together the next Prop One invoice and the progress report for the second half of 2021. Comments on the multi-benefit application have been sent in.

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott noted all are in good standing.

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Roundtable of Regions Report – Mr. Brad Arnold said the R of Regions cancelled their quarterly meeting as the coordinator is retiring. The Steering Committee has sent out an RFP for a network coordinator.

YSS Update: Mr. John Buckley reported YSS has spent the last two years partnering with the FS trying to get this large landscape planning done and the Record of Decision (ROD) passed. They are now poised for the FS, in the next month, to approve different portions of the project. It is hoped fuel breaks along the 108 Corridor will start in the next few months. The project includes about 30,000 acres of thinning and other treatments and 50,000 acres of prescribed burning.

Mr. Ron Ringen said TUD has embarked on a program that will fit in with YSS efforts and is modeled after the programs in Paradise. Mr. Buckley said the more that groups who want to do projects can coordinate with YSS the better.

5. TUD New Project Presentation – Sonora Water Treatment Plant Modernization

Project:

The plant is on Bald Mountain Road above the City of Sonora. The site is constrained by surrounding housing. The plant serves Chicken Rancheria, Sonora, Jamestown, and more. The original construction was in 1920. It has a 4 mgd treatment capacity. Additional components include sedimentation, chlorination, filtration, and a clear well cover. The baffle wall has failed. TUD wants to mitigate vulnerability through modernization of critical systems. Much of the plant is unrepairable because parts are not available. Some components are undersized and are not as efficient as newer designs. See presentation. The total cost is \$10.1M. TUD can contribute \$750,000.

The presentation can be found here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/library/documents/>

6. Discussion Regarding Updating Data Management:

Mr. Arnold said the Outreach Subcommittee (OSC) has discussed ways the IRWM can engage with the public. They would also like to revamp some of the tools to sync better with DWR and the R of R.

Ms. Mattos said the IRWMA currently has a website with a data management portal that shows district boundaries and projects. It fits with what was required by DWR guidelines for the 2016 plan update.

Mr. Arnold said the OSC believes there is a need to use data management for outreach and to benefit grant applications. They believe there are improvements that can be made to the current system. They also think there are ways to make the website more proactive.

Mr. Buckley offered there is not a strong need for the average people in the community to be engaged with the IRWMA. Mr. Arnold said DWR has recognized the IRWMA have not done enough to engage the public about what we are doing to address water reliability issues. Several forward thinking IRWMA are putting out report cards which are a punch list of what has been done and grants that have been acquired.

It was suggested the OSC look at the website and make specific recommendations. Also, that project proponents should put together a press release and mention the IRWMA.

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7. Discussion 2022-2023 Draft Workplan:

Ms. Lott referenced the draft workplan sent out with the agenda packet. She asked for suggestions.

A field trip in 2023 was suggested to view the THSCSD stormwater project and invite DWR. Ms. Mattos will follow up with Ms. Carmel Brown about meeting with Bay Area IRWMs. Ms. Lott should contact Ms. Dore Bietz regarding a county presentation on a land use integration speaker.

8. Water News:

None was offered.

Next WAC and Board Meetings: April 20, 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
Caitlyn Rich	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	
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.	
Chris Barth	PPA/Alternate	

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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	
	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Jim Bearden	TGSC/Alternate	Present
Byron Kremple	Tuolumne River Trust	
Patrick Koepele	TRT/Alternate	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Lisa Murphy	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present
Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	
Zachary Croyle	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	Present
Tracy Weddle	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
Dore Bietz	TC
Lisa Westbrook	TUD
Allen Johnson	TUD
Trevor Cowden	TUD
Don Perkins	TUD
Joel Metzger	UTICA
Jim Phelan	TCRCD