



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water  
Management Authority Watershed Advisory  
Committee Meeting Summary  
June 15, 2022**

**HOMEWORK:**

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

**MEETING GOALS:**

1. Update on grants.
2. Presentation of new projects by Groveland CSD.
3. Presentation of My Sierra Woods project.

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

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**SUMMARY**

**1. Opening Remarks and Consideration of Resolution 2022-03:**

Ms. Carolyn Lott called the meeting to order. Ms. Lindsay Mattos presented Resolution 2022-03 - 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 2022-03 was made by Mr. Tom Parrington and seconded by Mr. Ron Ringen. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration of April 21, 2022, Meeting Summary**

Ms. Lott asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for April 21, 2022. None were offered.

**Agreement:** There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of April 21, 2022, as the summary of record.

**3. Public Comment:**

Ms. Lott opened the public comment period. Ms. Lott closed the public comment period.

**4. Standing Items:**

Grant Updates

Ms. Mattos said the IRWMA is officially closed with Round 2 grants and retention checks and final payments received. DWR rated the T-Stan IRWMA on grant performance and awarded about a C. Ms. Mattos is in the last steps of the Drought Grant.

The Prop One Multi-benefit Grant is waiting for paperwork from The Tuolumne Band. The Westside Dam still needs approval of their CEQA concurrence. Mr. Ron Ringen suggested letting the Tribe know he would like a dry fire hydrant in the pond accessible by fire tankers to fill up in case of fire.

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The final grant project is the DACA Specific Funds. This is for water filling stations and well testing. It has been accepted by DWR and the IRWMA is waiting for the contract. Ms. Dore Bietz will report to Ms. Mattos on failing wells in Tuolumne County. Ms. Mattos will reach out to Calaveras County for a report on wells.

Mr. Ringen asked if there is any talk of new grant opportunities. Ms. Mattos said a second round of Prop One will be coming out but is in draft form at this time.

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott noted all are in good standing. Tuolumne River Trust has withdrawn membership because of internal staffing constraints.

Roundtable of Regions Report – Mr. Brad Arnold was not present to provide the report.

Outreach Committee – Ms. Mattos provided a report for Mr. Arnold. She said they met in May to talk about data updates, website mapping features, and press releases. The website consideration is reorganizing the site, so it is easier to see projects and accomplishments. Ms. Mattos spoke to TRT, and they are willing to continue hosting data, but do not have staff capacity to update mapping. Ms. Mattos said the IRWMA should pay hosting fees of approximately \$200.

YSS Update: Ms. Tatiana Altman reported there was a field trip several weeks ago looking at treatments YSS is doing, to include prescribed burning, planned treatments for SERAL, and Cedar Ridge treatments. The Modesto Bee wrote an article. SERAL objections have been filed and the FS is completing their responses to objections.

### **5. Groveland Community Services District New Project Presentations:**

Drought Resilience Project, Downtown Groveland/Big Oak Flat Water Distribution Replacement Project – Mr. Pete Kampa provided the presentation. This drought project will install infrastructure to address short- and long-term drought impacts thus improving the water supply of Groveland, Big Oak Flat and Pine Mountain Lake. The project has already been funded 100% by DWR in Round 2 of the Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Funding. The project provides resiliency if the San Francisco tunnel goes down. GCSD has already received \$8.5 million this year.

The goals are to: 1. Improve the existing water treatment plant intake in Pine Mountain Lake. 2. Relocate the existing trailer-mounted water treatment plant (currently located at the Pine Mountain Lake maintenance yard in Par Ct) to a permanent location. 3. Add a new 140,000-gallon storage tank next to Tank 5 within the Groveland/Big Oak Flat service area. 4. Construct 5,500 linear feet of water transmission main connecting Tank 5 to the Big Oak Flat to allow service through Tank No. 5. 5. Construct a new groundwater well and discharge pipeline to supply water to Tank 5 during severe drought conditions. The estimated cost is \$8,545,000. They are currently in preliminary design. The project must be completed by June 2024. They already have easements.

Downtown Groveland and Big Oak Flat Project – This project includes the replacement of much of the main distribution pipe downtown which is 60–80-year-old, undersized and leaking. The project's CEQA is complete and design is 90% complete. Downtown does not meet fire flow requirements. There will be new service connections for the properties, new water mains, 78 new fire hydrants. GCSD thinks they are losing about 30% of their water through leaking pipes.

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The estimated cost is \$10,500,000. GCSD has an application into the Water Board. The county is also trying for CDBG funds to help.

Advance Metering Infrastructure Development Project – This project replaces existing manual read water meters with automated, remote read meters for all customers in GCSD. It integrates with wastewater services by providing real-time and historical data to better manage wastewater inflow and identify impacts of various land uses including multi-family residential, accessory dwelling units, commercial, and short-term rentals. It would conserve up to 70-acre feet annually. GCSD has about 3,300 meters. The estimated cost is \$2,753,000.

Mr. Tom Parrington volunteered for the scoring committee.

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

### **6. My Sierra Woods Presentation:**

Ms. Jessi Baker provided the presentation. She said American Forest Foundation is the parent company. F.I.R.E., the Fuels Reduction Program, currently is planned for 245,000 acres in Martinez Fireshed. This project focuses on private landowners who have 10 acres of land from Jamestown to Long Barn and Forest Meadows in Calaveras County. Ms. Baker is the local coordinator. Her role is to get in contact with private landowners. She sends mailers that explain how a landowner can be helped with fuel reduction work. My Sierra Woods is partnering with the Tuolumne County RCD and the 108 Firesafe Council. They have focused on specific locations within the fireshed. They are working in oak areas, as well as mixed conifers.

After landowners are interested, Ms. Baker explains the three tiers of financial assistance. They can bundle projects of four landowners or more or two or more landowners with 150 acres. 100% paid for these large parcels. The next tier is 20-150 acres which is paid at 90%. 10-19 acres are paid at 75%.

They have contracted with two professional foresters who do site visits and develop plans. They must get approval from Cal FIRE and file CEQA exemptions. This is done through the foresters. They are currently doing projects in Wards Ferry, Long Barn, and Mount Elizabeth.

This project is tied to watershed health as the trees work as a water filter and help prevent erosion. Healthier landscape keeps waterways safe and healthy.

They have told Cal Fire they will treat 5,000 acres by 2024. Interested landowners can contact Ms. Baker through <https://www.mysierrawoods.org/>. To get a project done it usually takes 12-18 months. The Tuolumne-Calaveras Burn Authority started last year to provide landowners with prescribed burning.

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### **7. Discussion Regarding July Field Trip:**

The JPA requested a field trip to Jamestown Sanitary District's new facilities. It will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at 10190 Karley Lane off Jacksonville Road. Parking is available in front of the building and gravel lot as well. RSVP to Ms. Lott.

### **8. Water News:**

Ms. Abby Parcon said the end of spill will be in the next few days which extends time for relying on Lyons Dam. Phase 2 conservation will begin. PG&E has suspended negotiations until the

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end of 2023. TUD made improvements to the quality of water that goes to Quartz Reservoir and eventually to ranchers.

**Next WAC and Board Meetings (field trip): July 20, 2022.**

**Submitted by:**  
Ms. Carolyn Lott

**MEETING ATTENDANCE  
Watershed Advisory Committee Members**

	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	
Tatiana Altman	CSERC/Alternate	Present
Caroline Schirato	City of Angels Camp	
Isabel Moncada	CAC/Alternate	Present
Chris O'Flinn	CAC/Alternate	
Colette Such	City of Sonora	Present
	CS/Alternate	
Spencer Edwards	Groveland Community Services	
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	Present
Luis Melchor	GCSD/Alternate	
Rebecca Miller-Cripps	Jamestown Sanitary District	
Patricia Ingalls	JSD/Alternate	Present
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	
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	

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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	
Karlee Karnes	UWPA/Alternate	Present

**IRWMA Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Carolyn Lott	Carlton Consulting	Present
Lindsay Mattos	TCRCD	Present

**Other Interested Parties Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Jessi Baker	My Sierra Woods
Abby Parcon	TUD
Bruce Miller	Murphys Sanitary District