



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water  
Management Authority Watershed Advisory  
Committee Meeting Summary  
August 17, 2022**

**HOMEWORK:**

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

**MEETING GOALS:**

1. Develop recommendations for new projects inclusion in IRWMP, DAC grant priorities for implementation, and Calaveras County involvement.

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

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**SUMMARY**

**1. Opening Remarks and Consideration of Resolution 2022-04:**

Ms. Carolyn Lott called the meeting to order. Ms. Lindsay Mattos presented Resolution 2022-04 - 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 2022-04 was made by Mr. Joe Bors and seconded by Mr. Pete Kampa. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration of June 15, 2022, Meeting Summary**

Ms. Lott asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for June 15, 2022. None were offered.

**Agreement:** There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of June 15, 2022, as the summary of record.

**3. Public Comment:**

Ms. Lott opened the public comment period. No comments were offered. Ms. Lott closed the public comment period.

**4. Standing Items:**

Grant Updates

Ms. Mattos said the contract for the urban/multi-benefit project is signed. An amendment to include the Westside Dam Project will be brought later.

The Round 2 grant is closed out and the retention monies have been distributed. Drought retention funds should be here in the next 60 days.

There is a new round of DAC funding from DWR. Ms. Mattos will send the draft guidelines to Ms. Lott for distribution. Ms. Mattos said the IRWMA will be applying under the February

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deadline. The IRWMA is currently in contracting for the DAC Prop One funding for the Drinking Water Reliability Project.

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott noted Calaveras County Water District, The Tuolumne Band, and the Tuolumne Group Sierra Club have been notified they are not in good standing because of attendance.

Roundtable of Regions Report – Mr. Brad Arnold said the Roundtable of Regions has a new network coordinator working with IRWMs across the state. The Roundtable of Regions is a volunteer organization of 53 IRWMs across the state with a goal of coordinating with DWR. He said at the last meeting there was a presentation on racial equity as there is a lot of emphasis on this at the state. Mr. Arnold will send Ms. Lott a CCWD resolution as a template for agencies wishing to pass such a resolution.

There are grant opportunities ICARPS Resiliency Grants through OPR to support regional climate change planning and implementation. <https://opr.ca.gov/planning/icarp/grants/> DWR is continuing the water atlas update which will support DWR review of implementation projects.

Outreach Committee – Mr. Arnold said the Outreach Subcommittee met in May. They continue to draft project report cards and are Identifying opportunities for outreach.

YSS Update: Ms. Tatiana Altman reported record of Decision (ROD) 2 was signed by the forest supervisor and ROD 3 should be signed this month. YSS continues to coordinate with the FS to implement projects.

### **5. Project Review Committee recommendation RE: New Projects for Inclusion in the IRWP (TUD and Groveland CSD):**

TUD and GCSD submitted three projects each. The Sonora TX Plant received a score of 97. The MT. Provo Intertie scored a 94. Phoenix Lake #2 scored a 97. Groveland's project, Advanced Metering, received a score of 65. Their Drought Emergency Relief project scored 69. The Distribution Project also scored 69.

Ms. Mattos reminded members there are scores for Project Description/Benefits, Priorities from Funding Sources (DAC, Economically Distressed, State Plan, Local Plan, Climate Change, etc.) and scores are weighted. There are also scores for DWR Program Preferences for current proposition funding which include things like logistics – purpose and need, integration, feasibility studies, and readiness to proceed. Generally, there is a Call for Projects once per year.

Regarding GCSD, the scoring committee was concerned about whether there were actual quantifiable multi-benefits. Primary objectives must be quantified for DWR to count them within a grant application. The benefits must be measurable. The committee believes the project descriptions can be strengthened by clearly quantifying the benefits and how they will be measured. Ms. Altman added including the concept that new meters will incentivize conservation by the customer could be helpful. The committee recommended the JPA include all projects in the IRWMP.

**Agreement:** There was agreement to recommend the JPA Board add all six projects to the project list in the IRWMP.

### **6. DAC Drinking Water Reliability Project Implementation Discussion:**

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Ms. Mattos reminded the WAC DWR has already awarded \$525,000 for this proposal and the ideas in the proposal came from the DAC survey process.

The first concept was water filling stations and included planning and implementation. The idea was water bottle stations could be set up and utilized by the homeless. The cost seemed to be about \$75,000 at the time, based on other areas. (CPUD has installed filling stations which are pay-to-use and are restricted to non-customers. Theirs were \$150,000 but they are tied into their treated water.) The question was raised as to whether this project can be tied to the county's proposed Jamestown homeless shelter.

Initially, the WAC had suggested half the funding should go into filling stations and half into well assessments. Ms. Mattos has done outreach to Tuolumne County to determine well failure and reached out to well drillers. The information she received indicated the failing wells are known. They either need a new pump or a deeper well, except for Jamestown where they need a tank. She suggested maybe it would be a better use of the funds to fix the problems. More follow up with Campo and Tanko Well Drillers is needed. Currently in Tuolumne County if a person has a failing well, they can contact the county for bottled water.

Mr. Bors said ATCAA only deals with income qualified low-income people. Geographic qualification depends on who the funder is. ATCAA was subcontracted by Tuolumne County to put in tanks and pumps for homes with wells that had run dry. He added there is a huge need across the county for testing well water. He thinks using the funds to test well water is still a good use of funds. In the planning stage, it would have to be determined what to do with wells that fail a test.

Regarding failed wells in Calaveras County, Mr. Arnold said most failing wells are outside the T-Stan IRWMA area.

Ms. Mattos asked for volunteers to work on a committee to further develop ideas for consideration by the WAC for the funding. The following volunteered: Ron Ringen, Joe Bors, Dore Bietz, Brian Barclay, Andy Merrill, and Brad Arnold.

You can review the discussion slides here: [DAC Drinking Water Project.pdf](#)

### **7. Calavera County Involvement Discussion:**

Past efforts to engage Calaveras County were enumerated. Mr. Arnold said he would contact appropriate staff members at the county and forward the contact information to Ms. Mattos. Individuals with contacts at the county will try to engage them again and encourage their involvement in the IRWMA.

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

Ms. Dore Bietz said DWR has a statewide county drought guidebook draft. Tuolumne County has chosen to participate in the review and Ms. Bietz is the county representative.

Mr. Arnold said SB552 <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/SB-552> has new guidelines for small water suppliers, those under 3,000 connections. The Governor's Water Supply document is also worth reviewing. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/08/11/governor-newsom-announces-water-strategy-for-a-hotter-drier-california/>

Mr. Bors said ATCAA is looking for more funding to do water conservation work in Tuolumne County.

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**Next WAC and Board Meetings: September 21, 2022.**

**Submitted by:**  
Ms. Carolyn Lott

**MEETING ATTENDANCE  
Watershed Advisory Committee Members**

	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	
Joe Bors	ATCAA	Present
Ruth Brickner	ATCAA/Alternate	Present
Brad Arnold	Calaveras County Water District	Present
	CCWD/Alternate	
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	
	CSA/Alternate	
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	
Tatiana Altman	CSERC/Alternate	Present
Caroline Schirato	City of Angels Camp	
Isabel Moncada	CAC/Alternate	
Chris O'Flinn	CAC/Alternate	
Andy Merrill	City of Sonora	
Ann Segerstrom	CS/Alternate	Present
Spencer Edwards	Groveland Community Services	
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	Present
Eric Junker	TBMW/Alternate	
Natalie Rizzi	Tuolumne County	
Denise Zitnik	TC/Alternate	Present
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Jim Phelan	TCRCD/Alternate	
Jim Bearden	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present

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Lisa Murphy	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	Present
Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	Present
Zachary Croyle	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	
Tracy Weddle	USFS/Alternate	
Lori Karnes	Utica Water & Power Authority	
Joel Metzger	UWPA/Alternate	
Emily Dondero	UWPA/Alternate	Present

**IRWMA Staff**

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

**Other Interested Parties Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Emily Long	TUD
Walt Kruse	Central Sierra Audubon
Tricia Peller	TCRCD
Bruce Miller	Murphys Sanitary District
Dore Bietz	Tuolumne County