



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Board Meeting May 17, 2023

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Continue discussion on website improvements

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

- Financial update
- Consider inclusion of new projects into the IRWMA Plan
- Update on insurance quote and forum for agency discussions
- Status of fill station project

****FINALIZED MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE**** <http://tstan-irwma.org/>

SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks:

Chair Ringen opened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

2. Accept Meeting Summary from March 15, 2023:

Motion: Director Brandon moved, and Alternate Director Dan Murphy seconded a motion to approve the meeting summary of March 15, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

Chair Ringen opened the public comment period. No comments were offered. Chair Ringen closed the public comment period

4. Standing Items:

Ms. Tricia Pellar provided a grant update. A spreadsheet was sent out that outlines completed, existing, and pending grants. The spreadsheet can be found on the T-Stan website at: <https://tstan-irwma.org/projects/>

Ms. Lott provided a Member in Good Standing report noting she is waiting on an Ethics certificate for a JPA board member and a couple of WAC alternates.

5. Financial Update:

Director Brandon noted the county has reactivated its Water Resource Agency.

Ms. Lindsay Mattos shared a financial report handout with the board. Of special note is the adopted budget for next fiscal year shifted some funds from other line items to increase the "Grant Opportunities" line item to \$10,200. This is to help cover costs for new grant applications.

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The "Reserve" line-item balance is \$43,2299.76 and interest earned to date this fiscal year is \$1,781.30. No action was necessary as this was an informational item.

6. Consider Inclusion of New Projects into the IRWM Plan:

For the benefit of new board members and new alternates, Ms. Lott provided background on the process for including new projects in the plan and why there is a process. She also underscored that a project in the plan brought forward for an IRWMA grant application is considered on its own merits. Inclusion in the plan does not guarantee funding or inclusion of a project in a grant proposal.

Because DWR requires the plan to have objectives, projects must continue to be added that help address those objectives up until such time an objective is fully met.

The Scoring Committee considered the projects presented to the WAC for consideration of a recommendation for inclusion in the plan. Ms. Mattos said it was the consensus of the Scoring Committee that the THCS D projects did not include enough details. Alternate Director Lewis Giambruno stated the projects are conceptual in nature and will be fully fleshed out prior to a request for inclusion in a grant application.

There was discussion about creating a type of Cliff Notes or Key Points sheet that would help project proponents better understand how to create an application that would get a top score. Adding an example project application would be very helpful.

Motion: Director Brandon moved, and Alternate Director Giambruno seconded a motion to include the new projects, THCS D Sherwood Forest Collection System and Twain Harte Collections System Improvement Project, THCS D Shadybrook Reservoir Silt Removal, T-Stan IRWMA Regional Turf Replacement Program, GCS D Advanced Metering Infrastructure Installation, and JSD Wastewater Facility Upgrades #1 in the IRWMA Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on Insurance Quote and Forum for Agency Discussions:

Ms. Mattos said Mr. Kampa investigated the cost for insurance through California Small Districts Association (CSDA) and our current insurance is less expensive. Mr. Kampa also started a new CSDA chapter in Tuolumne County which will provide a forum for agency information sharing.

8. Remote Meeting Policy:

Potential Policy Update for T-Stan IRWMA JPA only:

- *Broad participation in discussions is important to the quality and inclusiveness of agreements and other actions. To this end, all members and alternates are encouraged to attend T-Stan IRWMA meetings in person if possible.*
- *Members may participate in Board or Committee meetings: (1) in person; (2) remotely, provided location is identified on agenda and is accessible to the public; or (3) remotely, under AB 2449 exception for just cause or emergency circumstances (if approved by Board or Committee).*

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- *Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in Board and Committee meetings in person, via Google Meet, or another broadly accepted remote platform.*
- *TSIRWMA Facilitator will alert the Board Chair and members if it appears a quorum of members will not be physically present at the meeting; the Board may approve or deny the request to participate remotely due to emergency circumstances or cancel the meeting if there will be no quorum.*
- *Upon receipt of notification of remote appearance due to just cause or request for remote participation due to emergency circumstances, the Facilitator will post a revised agenda, if there is sufficient time to do so, given the nature and timing of the emergency or just cause request.*
- *Remote participation allows meetings to be accessible, but for the purpose of "good standing" attendance requirements members must meet in person to be counted as present unless due to approved just cause or emergency circumstances.*

Since the WAC operates through consensus, policies regarding just cause and emergency circumstances are not deemed necessary for WAC members/alternates. The following policy will apply to the WAC and WAC committees:

- *Remote participation allows meetings to be accessible and enables remote participants to offer comments, but for the purpose of "good standing" attendance requirements WAC members/alternates must meet in person to be counted as present.*
- *Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in WAC meetings in person, via Google Meet, or another broadly accepted remote platform.*

Motion: Director Brandon moved, and Director Mora seconded a motion to approve the remote meeting language. (The WAC section was added to capture board discussions.) The motion passed unanimously.

9. Board Comments:

Director Brandon stated there is \$32M in the state budget for UC Agricultural Extension work. There are seventy positions around the state to assist local entities with special projects such as biomass. They are looking for additional projects to pair with research specialists who have access to UC resources. Ms. Jolynn Miller is the UC partner for our region.

Director Brandon also shared his disappointment that there was a SFPUD field trip to Hetch Hetchy and no one was invited from the local area. He said 2.6M people's water is provided through Hetch Hetchy plus hydro and solar power generation. There is no revenue sharing agreement. He would like to have a meeting to discuss a new contract with a local benefit. It was suggested to ask the WAC to discuss how the T-Stan might engage with the SFPUD.

Next WAC and JPA Meetings:

The next JPA board and WAC meetings will be June 21, 2023. Chair Ringen adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

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**MEETING ATTENDANCE
JPA Board Member/Alternate**

Cindy Secada	Calaveras County Water District	
Russ Thomas	CCWD/Alternate	
John Armstrong	Groveland Community Services District	
Nancy Mora	GCSD/Alternate	Present
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	
Bruce Miller	Murphys Sanitary District	
Dan Murphy	MSD/Alternate	Present
Jaron Brandon	Tuolumne County	Present
Daniel Anaiah Kirk	TC/Alternate	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
	TUD/Alternate	
Gary Sipperley	Twain Harte Community Services District	
Tom Trott	THCSD/Alternate	
Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	Present

JPA Board Staff

Name	Organization	Attendance
Carolyn Lott	Carlton Consulting	Present
Lindsay Mattos	TCRCD	Present

Additional Attendees

Name	Organization
Tricia Peller	TCRCD