



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water
Management Authority Watershed Advisory
Committee Meeting Summary
May 17, 2023**

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. Receive project scoring on new projects and develop recommendation
2. Receive updates on grants

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

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

SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks:

Ms. Carolyn Lott called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

2. Consideration of March 15, 2023, Meeting Summary

Ms. Lott asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for March 15, 2023. None were offered.

Agreement: There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of March 15, 2023, 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. Tricia Pellar shared the grant spreadsheet with the group. The spreadsheet shows completed, in progress, and pending grants. It can be found here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/projects/>

Members in Good Standing – Ms. Lott noted everyone is in good standing. She is waiting for ethics certificates from some new members.

Roundtable of Regions Report/Outreach Subcommittee – Mr. Brad Arnold has been representing the T-Stan at the Roundtable of Regions for several years and would like to step aside for now. He said the Roundtable is a statewide organization of IRWMs. Mr. Andy Merrill volunteered to become the T-Stan's representative.

Mr. Arnold has been a member of the Steering Committee. Quite a bit of time has been spent on the SB867 Water Bond campaign as it includes funding IRWM efforts. They have also encouraged the state to use IRWM groups for the new Climate Change groups they wish to create throughout the state. IRWM 2.0 is a discussion with DWR. The discussion focuses on how the IRWM should evolve as it is coming up on the 20th anniversary.

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YSS – Ms. Lott provided background on YSS for the new members. Ms. Chelsea Lewandoski reported on tree planting in the Rim footprint. She also spoke about the fuel management and fuelbreaks being implemented across the SERAL 1.0 landscape. YSS is beginning to contract with crews for surveys for SERAL 2.0 which is approximately 100,000 acres south of H108.

Mr. Ron Ringen said there is a group suing the USFS regarding the use of fire retardant and its relationship to contaminated water and harm to fish. (Since this meeting, the court ruled in favor of the USFS.)

Mr. Merrill spoke about the degradation of waterways because of homeless encampments.

Financial Updates – Ms. Mattos shared the adopted budget for the coming fiscal year. She noted the IRWMA banks with Tuolumne County and the county pays approximately 1% interest.

5. New Project Scoring Committee Report and Recommendation:

The THCSO SCADA project was pulled from the project list. Some new projects scored lower because the descriptions were not as detailed as the Scoring Committee thought they should be. It was noted that the IRWMA holds the regional plan for stormwater, so stormwater projects need to go through the IRWMA.

Mr. Merrill said the City of Sonora wants to modernize sloughs.

Mr. Tom Parrington said he would like to see more detailed new project applications. Ms. Mattos said there are several projects that are conceptual. They are planning projects. There is also an opportunity to update projects as more information is available.

Agreement: There was agreement to recommend to the JPA board that THCSO Sherwood Forest Collection System and Twain Harte Collections System Improvement Project, THCSO Shadybrook Reservoir Silt Removal, T-Stan IRWMA Regional Turf Replacement Program, GCSO Advanced Metering Infrastructure Installation, and JSD Wastewater Facility Upgrades #1 be included in the IRWMA Plan.

6. Report Back on Requests for Insurance Quote and Forum for Agency Discussion:

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.

7. Update on IRWMA Project Description Template and Quote for IRWMA Storymap:

Ms. Mattos said the T-Stan will have its own GIS account and manage its own data. The quote for migrating the data, including the SPIT model and map is \$2,400. There is no estimate yet for the IRWMA regional storymap. Ms. Mattos will contact Mr. Joel Metzger to work on this.

Ms. Stacie Walker shared the Smart Sheet she and Mr. Metzger created to be used to close out a project. The purpose of this is to standardize the format for reporting project completion information. You can find it here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/wp-admin/post.php?post=56&action=us-builder>

8. Water Fill Station Update:

Groveland Community Services District has signed a contract and has plans for construction for a fill station. The contract needs to be finished with ATCAA for the well testing component of the

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grant. There is \$150,000 for a second fill station. Mr. Merrill wants to agendize this for the City Council. CCWD/UPUD may be interested in pursuing a fill station along the Highway 4 Corridor.

9. Remote Meeting Policy:

Ms. Mattos shared some ideas on policies. She said she is hoping the CA Special District Association comes out with a template soon. Mr. Arnold said he is in favor of allowing a WAC representative to be counted as present if remote requirements are adhered to. Others voiced that there are alternates who can attend in person if the primary representative is unavailable.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2023

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

MEETING ATTENDANCE Watershed Advisory Committee Members

	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	
Joe Bors	ATCAA	
Ruth Brickner	ATCAA/Alternate	Present
Brad Arnold	Calaveras County Water District	Present
Kelly Gerkenmeyer	CCWD/Alternate	
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	Present
Walt Kruse	CSA/Alternate	
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	
Chelsea Lewandoski	CSERC/Alternate	Present
Chris O'Flinn	City of Angels Camp	Present
Rebecca Callen	CAC/Alternate	
Andy Merrill	City of Sonora	Present
Ann Segerstrom	CS/Alternate	Present
Rachel Pearlman	Groveland Community Services	Present
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	
Rebecca Miller-Cripps	Jamestown Sanitary District	Present
Judy Selby	JSD/Alternate	
Kristina Fillmore	Murphys Sanitary District	
Dan Murphy	MSD/Alternate	Present
Clay Onstad	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Barclay	Pinecrest Permittees Assoc.	
Chris Barth	PPA/Alternate	
Diana Beasley	Me-Wuk Indians Tribal Council	Present
Robert Wells	MWITC/Alternate	
Natalie Rizzi	Tuolumne County	
Denise Zitnik	TC/Alternate	

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Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	
Jim Phelan	TCRCD/Alternate	
Jim Bearden	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
	TUD/Alternate	
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	
Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	Present
Curtis Kvamme	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	Present
Michael Jow	USFS/Alternate	
Jessica Self	Union Public Utility District	Present
Jenna Mayo	UPUD/Alternate	
Elaine Urruty	UPUD/Alternate	
Joel Metzger	Utica Water & Power Authority	
Lori Karnes	UWPA/Alternate	
Stacie Walker	UWPA/Alternate	Present
Emily Dondero	UWPA/Alternate	

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Emily Long	TUD
Tricia Peller	TCRCD