



**Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water
Management Authority Watershed Advisory
Committee Meeting Summary
July 19, 2023**

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. Receive updates on grants
2. Develop new project concepts

****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 June 21, 2023, Joint Meeting Summary

Ms. Lott asked if there were any edits to the meeting summary for June 21, 2023. None were offered.

Agreement: There was agreement to accept the WAC meeting summary of June 21, 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 –They have received the draft contract for the new Prop One grant for ATCAA for \$292,000 for the in-home water conservation project. 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 there have been no changes. She added the field trip to the homeless encampments along waterways did not count towards attendance because of the nature and terrain of the experience.

Roundtable of Regions Report/Outreach Subcommittee – Mr. Andy Merrill is the new representative. Ms. Lott provided context for the Roundtable of Regions. Ms. Pellar gave a summary of the June remote meeting. A study is being done regarding drought effects, AB1567 was approved with \$350M for IRWMs. SB867 is still pending, and the request is for \$350M for IRWMs.

YSS – Ms. Lott provided background on YSS for the new members. Ms. Chelsea Lewandowski reported on the 4,000 acres of broadcast burning that has taken place recently and mentioned it was done through a national pilot project. She added that many miles of new fuelbreaks and

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selective logging is happening along with other treatments. Tens of millions of dollars funded local contractors for local projects.

5. Update on Data Management Work to Include Storymap:

Ms. Mattos said they continue to engage with the consultant working on the data management update. Mr. Joel Metzger and IRWMA staff met with the consultant to discuss the regional storymap. Work will not begin on the storymap until there is a cost estimate approved by the JPA board. The GIS license is in place.

6. 21-23 FY Accomplishments Report:

Ms. Lott went over the main accomplishments. The document can be found here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/T-Stan-IRWMA-Accomplishments-FY-2021-23.pdf>

7. Brainstorming Session:

Three groups worked on new project ideas – two focused on Tuolumne County and one focused on Calaveras County. The following project concepts were reported out:

Tuolumne County

Water Quality and Contamination Assessment and Mitigation – Obj. C, O
Murphy Ranch Meadow Restoration – Obj. E, F, H, G, P
Westside Pone Wetland & Riparian Restoration – Obj. E, F, G, H, P
City of Sonora Legacy Stormwater Infrastructure Project – Obj. C, I, O
SERAL 1.0 Noxious Weed Implementation – Obj. H
JSD Tertiary Treatment Upgrade – Obj. D
TUD, JSD, GCSD, CIP Tertiary Treatment Project
TUD, THCS, JSD, GCSD, City of Sonora, Tuolumne County, RCD Stormwater Management Project – Obj. J
Tuolumne County Watershed Culvert Study
Septic to Sewer Conversion
Watershed Recognition Education, Outreach, and Signage Program
Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment and Trails Project – Obj. E
GCSD, Phoenix Lake Estates, JSD, and USFS Meadows, Wetlands, Trails Project – Obj. E, F, H
TUD, THCS Oman Drive/Willow Springs Intertie – Obj. B, K, M

Calaveras County

UPUD (COA & Utica Supporting) Irrigation Distribution System Upgrades – Obj. B, K, L, M
CCWD, UPUD Phase II Vallecito Tertiary Treatment & Pump Station – Obj. L, M
CCWD, UPUD, COA (Utica Supporting) Emergency Intertie – Obj. A, B, K, M, O
CCWD, COA, UPUD, & Utica Reservoir Capacity Restoration & Above Ground Storage – Obj. A, B, C, I, K, M
CCWD (Utica, UPUD, COA, MSD Supporting) Arnold Biomass Facility – Obj. D, J, L, N, O

Next Steps:

- Determine proponents for project concepts
- Fill out project application forms
- Invite DWR representative (Carmel Brown suggested) to hear about concepts and provide input on improvements and potential funding
- Open “Call for Projects” earlier

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Next Meeting: August 16, 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	
Kelly Gerkensmeyer	CCWD/Alternate	Present
Tom Parrington	Central Sierra Audubon	
Walt Kruse	CSA/Alternate	Present
John Buckley	Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center	
Chelsea Lewandowski	CSERC/Alternate	Present
Chris O'Flinn	City of Angels Camp	
Rebecca Callen	CAC/Alternate	Present
Andy Merrill	City of Sonora	Present
Ann Segerstrom	CS/Alternate	
Rachel Pearlman	Groveland Community Services	Present
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	
Rebecca Miller-Cripps	Jamestown Sanitary District	Present
Judy Selby	JSD/Alternate	
Jill McClintock	JSD/Alternate	Present
Kristina Fillmore	Murphys Sanitary District	
Dan Murphy	MSD/Alternate	
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	Present
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Tricia Pellar	TCRCD/Alternate	Present
	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
	TUD/Alternate	

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Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	
Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	Present
Curtis Kvamme	U.S. Forest Service – Stanislaus National Forest	
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	
Emily Dondero	UWPA/Alternate	Present

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Emily Long	TUD
Steve Holderman	USFS
Cierra Torrez	CSERC
Erik Johnson	TUD