



Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting, September 20, 2023

HOMEWORK:

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

MEETING GOALS:

1. Develop recommendations for consideration by the JPA board

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

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

SUMMARY

1. Opening Remarks, Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items, and Standing Items:

Ms. Carolyn Lott opened the meeting and introductions were made.

2. Consideration of July 19, 2023, Meeting Summary

The meeting summary was accepted as the summary of record for July 19, 2023, with a correction to the “next meeting” date.

3. Standing Items:

Grant Summary: Ms. Tricia Peller presented the grant updates. The spreadsheet is available here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/projects/>

Members in Good Standing:

Ms. Lott said other than a couple of representatives who have not completed Ethics/Brown Act training, everyone is in good standing.

Roundtable of Regions: During the Water Plan Update Summit, there will be a meeting of the Roundtable to focus on IRWMs work and importance. The T-Stan can reimburse expenses for mileage and hotel for someone to attend. The Roundtable said it is most effective to have someone there in person. Volunteers were requested and several people offered to consider attending.

YSS: Ms. Chelsea Lewandowski reported that YSS, through Tuolumne County and the Tuolumne River Trust, have completed a number of projects and are in process with more in the SERAL 1.0 landscape and the Rim Fire footprint.

4. Public Comment: Ms. Lott opened the public comment period. No comments were offered. Ms. Lott closed the public comment period.

5. IRWMP Objectives & Measurable Planning Targets Suggested Updates:

CSERC proposed a specific updates to the spreadsheet. Ms. Lewandowski reviewed the changes and suggestions were documented. The WAC members were asked to submit to Ms. Tricia Peller all planned, ongoing, or completed projects that address the objectives. The

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spreadsheet, as presented at the meeting, can be found here: <https://tstan-irwma.org/library/documents/>

5. Second Fill Station Proposal:

Ms. Jessica Self reported UPUD staff will bring the contract for the fill station to their board to tonight. They also intend to have a conversation with CCWD regarding the locations they are considering.

Agreement: There was agreement to recommend to the board contracting with UPUD for the second fill station.

6. Updates on Data Management and Storyboard:

The consultant is finishing work on transferring data to the IRWMA's site. Ms. Mattos reported the Storyboard Smart Sheets are online. Staff has determined they can put the storyboard together inhouse. However, since the vision is to have completed projects as part of the storyboard, agencies need to complete Smart Sheets and submit photos for completed projects so the storyboard can be populated.

7. Grant Search Funding Discussion:

There is uncertainty regarding whether there will be new rounds of IRWMA funding. One of objectives of the IRWMA is to get projects funded. Therefore, it is important to cast a wider net for grant opportunities. The proposal is to reallocate some funds within the current budget to allow Ms. Mattos to search for funding for approximately three hours per month. \$2,295 would be shifted from the Communications line item to Grant Opportunities. Mr. Ron Ringen suggested using Ms. Barbara Balen as one resource for this effort. Mr. Pete Kampa offered to assist, as well.

Agreement: There was agreement to recommend the reallocation of funds and subsequent staff task to the board.

8. Opening Call for Projects & Updated Worksheet:

Ms. Mattos will provide further updates to the worksheet to reflect the updated Objectives and Measurable Planning Targets.

Agreement: There was agreement to recommend to the board that the Call for Projects open October 1 and close the end of February.

9. TUD Field Trip Reminder:

Members were reminded RSVPs for the field trip must be received by October 4th. TUD may have to limit the number of people from a single agency that can attend based on the capacity of the bus. As Mr. Don Perkins will be providing the presentations on the bus, using personal autos is not an option.

10. Watershed Monitoring SERAL 2.0:

Mr. Sean Hembree provided the report remotely. He said UC Merced, Turlock Irrigation District, Tuolumne County, and the Forest Service are applying for a grant. The purpose is to begin a process of monitoring for SERAL 2.0. SERAL 2.0 has a 168,000-acre footprint with forest health projects being implemented over the next seven years. The purpose of the grant is to quantify and clarify the impacts. Mr. Hembree noted water is the least noticed benefit that comes out of forest management.

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The short-term goal, which this grant would support, is to establish a baseline. Long-term, they wish to compare treatments versus the baseline. They are hoping others will join in the partnership. The grant is a Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart grant. They intend to measure vegetative conditions, evapotranspiration, effects of treatments such as runoff versus infiltration, sedimentation, and erosion. They are also hoping to monetize the cost/benefit of treatments. The tentative plan is to focus on the southeast side of Highway 108 going into the Tuolumne River Watershed with west side of the Clavey River Watershed as a subset.

They may reach out to the IRWMA for a letter of support.

11. Wrap-Up and Adjournment:

The October 8th meeting is the TUD field trip. The next business meetings of the WAC and JPA are November 15th, 2023.

Submitted by:

Ms. Carolyn Lott

MEETING ATTENDANCE Watershed Advisory Committee Members

Ruth Brickner	Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency	Present
Joe Bors	ATCAA/Alternate	
Kelly Gerkenmeyer	Calaveras County Water District	
Brad Arnold	CCWD/Alternate	
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	Present
Rebecca Callen	CAC/Alternate	
Andy Merrill	City of Sonora	
Ann Segerstrom	CS/Alternate	
Rachel Pearlman	Groveland Community Services	
Pete Kampa	GCSD/Alternate	Present
Rebecca Miller-Cripps	Jamestown Sanitary District	Present
Judy Selby	JSD/Alternate	
Jill McClintock	JSD/Alternate	
Kristina Fillmore	Murphys Sanitary District	Present
Dan Murphy	MSD/Alternate	
Clay Onstad	MSD/Alternate	
Brian Barclay	Pinecrest Permittees Assoc.	
Chris Barth	PPA/Alternate	

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Diana Beasley	TB of Me-Wuk Indians	Present
Robert Wells	TBMWI/Alternate	
Natie Rizzi	Tuolumne County	
Denise Zitnik	TC/Alternate	Present
Kirk Ford	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	Present
Tricia Pellar	TCRCD	Present
Keith Martin	Tuolumne Group Sierra Club	
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District	Present
Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District	
Lewis Giambruno	THCSD/Alternate	Present
Chris 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	
Jel Metzger	Utica Water & Power Authority	
Emily Dondero	UWPA/Alternate	
Stacie Walker	UWPA/Alternate	Present

IRWMA Staff

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

Other Interested Parties Present

Name	Organization
Nancy Mora	GCSD
Emily Long	TUD