



Regional Water Management Group

Monday, January 8, 2018 1:30 pm

Location: Raley's Supermarket – Community Room

40041 CA-49, Oakhurst, CA 93644 – 559-683-8300;

Directions: Highway 41 to Highway 49. The shopping center is located on the North/West corner of the intersection.

The Community Room is in the back of the store next to the Pharmacy

MINUTES

1. Open – Flag Salute

- Introductions – 1:38

Jeannie Habben – Notetaker/ Admin Asst.

Tom Wheeler – Madera County BOS

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford Water Dist.

Doug Welch – Chowchilla Water District

Igal Treibatch - SEMCU

Carl Janzen – Madera Irrigation District

Sean Smith – Madera Irrigation District

Dave Merchen – City of Madera

Jay Seslowe – Coarsegold RCD

Al Solis – S.E.M.C.U.

Maria Herrera - Self Help Enterprises

Ken Bonesteel – QK

Zaira Lopez – CA RWQCB

Katie Parra - North Fork Mono Rancheria

April Ganzon– Self Help Enterprises

Dana Dominguez-Rogge – Self Help Ent.

Christina Beckwith – Madera Farm Bureau

Ken Bonesteel - QK

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- November 13, 2017 – Minutes

- January 8, 2018 - Agenda

Carl J made a motion to approve the agenda; Dave M second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously.

Carl J made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes; Don R second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously

3. Public Comment –

- January 9 at 10:00 Supervisor Tom Wheeler will be sworn in as chairman of the Board and the 125 years Madera County Anniversary. All are welcome. They are changing the BOS meetings to every week again and they will be rotating the meetings to three locations and at three different times to reach all the County.
- CARCD is being recommended for the full \$10 million dollars requested to assist landowners in removing dead and dying trees in the High Mortality Areas of the Sierra Nevadas. CARCD will be coordinating with over 35 partners including local RCDs to assist the hard-hit landowners. Thanks to everyone who helped us bring this important resource into the State!!
- Registration is open for a day-long webinar that will preview all five chapters of California Water Plan Update 2018. The webinar will be an opportunity to provide input on any area of concern in Update 2018. The session will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9. Also, RSVPs are still being accepted for an Update 2018 workshop on Thursday, Jan. 4. It will cover Chapter 4 (plans for investing in water resources sustainability) and Chapter 5 (funding and implementation).
- Law Seminars International is holding a comprehensive conference on the next phase for “Sustainable Groundwater Planning in California.” This is important practical legal, technical, business and regulatory information for preparing GSPs. This will be held in Downtown Los Angeles, at the Double Tree on February 5 & 6, 2018.

- Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Sierra Resource Conservation District is holding a free Grant Writing Class in February. It will be at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office in Clovis. This is a day and a half class.
- CAL FIRE has released information regarding the [2017-2018 California Climate Investments \(CCI\) grant funds](#). CAL FIRE is administering CCI grant funds to partners through grant awards that will help the State reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon. Up to \$200 million is available through CAL FIRE's Forest Health grants (including conservation easements through the California Forest Legacy Program) and Fire Prevention grants. Up to \$20 million in grant funds is available through CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry program. Additionally, CAL FIRE will continue to partner with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) by making \$5 million available to the CCC's for Forest Health and Fire Prevention activities.
- Wednesday, January 10, from 9:30 to 12:30 there will be the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Plan meeting at the Clovis Memorial Building.
- The Madera County Ag Roundtable will be meeting on Friday, January 19 at 11:00am at the Madera Community College. This month's topic is SGMA.
- Several Job Opportunities are currently open:
 - Madera County – Director of Water and Natural Resources – due 01/31
 - Tahoe RCD – Fire Adaptive Communities Program Coordinator
 - Mariposa RCD – District Office Manager
 - CA Assoc. of Resource Conservation Districts – Revenue Specialist
 - Madera Ranchos – Igal Treibatch – Assistant Farm Manager
- Friday, January 12 – Madera County is offering a Tire and Electronics Amnesty Day; call Madera County or view Sierra News On-Line for details.
- Supervisor Wheelers first town hall meeting of the year – Thursday January 11th. In Oakhurst at the Community Center from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Madera County Water Forum is on Thursday, January 11, 8:15 to 4:30 pm – at the Madera Community College Center. Brought to you by Farm Bureau Water Forum, Friant Water Authority, and Chowchilla Water District.
- Farm Bureau is also offering CPR and First Aide classes. They also have a Gun Calendar on sale as a fundraiser for the farm bureau; 52 weeks of guns gun calendar. Check the Madera Farm Bureau Face Book page.
- Madera Irrigation held their Poster Contest on the water safety in December. There were two winners who both received a bike and a helmet.
- Igal discussed the need for the possibility of water credits and clarification of water rights. Igal is also going to Israel soon, he will be visiting water treatment facilities there. If anyone is interested in attending this trip, contact him.

New Business:

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals
 Carl J distributed two financial reports; one to show the final numbers for 2017 and one covering the first part of January 2018. This was reviewed by the group and after discussion, Carl J made a motion to approve the Financial Report for this month with no changes; Igal T. second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.

- Jeannie H submitted the Notetaker invoice to Tom W for signature.
5. Discussion and Action – Election of Officers
The group discussed possible officers for the 2018 year.
Carl J nominated Tom W to stand another year as President/Chairperson. Nominations were closed with no other suggestions. Carl J made the motion to elect Tom W as President/Chairperson for 2018; Don R second the motion; all voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tom W nominated Carl J to stand another year as Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson. Nominations were closed with no other suggestions. Tom W made the motion to elect Carl J as Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson for 2018; Don R second the motion; all voted, and the motion passed unanimously.
 6. Discussion - IRWM Plan Update
 - Review Project List
QK sent the selection committee the original proposal along with QK's Professional Services Agreement. Two copies were signed by Tom W as the contract for the Plan Update for the IRWM. These copies were given to Ken B representing QK for signature from his office and then one copy will be mailed back to Jeannie H to hold on behalf of the RWMG.
 7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
 - Mountain Counties
This group met in December in Sacramento; they decided to hold quarterly meetings in Sacramento as this seems to be the central location. They are going to focus on all aspects of DACs as to what makes them a DAC: income, children and families, education, infrastructure, and what type of and how much assistance they receive. When choosing projects, they will look at upper watershed issues/projects that also have lower watershed benefits. These could be watershed management, erosion control, and forest and fire management.
 - San Joaquin Valley
There was a conference call in December and this group is still moving forward; but still have not submitted a proposal to DWR. San Luis Delta Mendota stated that they will sign on as the lead agency. Self Help Enterprise is with part of the team that responded for the request of proposals – the project managers for this part of the project is working with them and working to finalize the goals and objectives. An individual sub-agreement has been sent out to S.H.E. and a Stakeholder Advisement Team conference call will possibly be set-up in January. Other partners for this group are Woodard and Curran (was RMC), the Environment Justice Coalition for Water, and Provost and Pritchard.
 8. Discussion – Madera RWMG Website
This is on hold for later discussion.

Old Business:

9. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management - SGMA
The position of Director of Water and Natural Resources for Madera County is now open, so there is no report from the County. Doug W reported that Chowchilla Sub-Basin and Madera Sub-Basin both applied for grants to write their GSPs. At the Madera County Board of Supervisor's meeting on January 9, there will be a discussion and consideration of entering into an Agreement with Davids Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$1,358,824.00, for provision of professional services for the development of a GSP and Public Outreach in the Madera and the Chowchilla Subbasins, and

authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement. Funding is contingent upon notice from the California DWR's Proposition 1 funding.

S.H.E. also submitted an application requesting \$1million for critically over-drafted and majorly DAC areas in the eight counties that they serve.

10. Report – Grant Updates

Round I - Implementation Projects

- We received a complete notification from Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for the Sediment Removal Project. DFW is putting together the final agreement.
- County will send out letters to all the adjacent property owners (on Ash and Berenda Sloughs) today to get as much participation as possible. We ask that members of the group spread the word as well. Free Sand with a simple over the counter permit.

Prop 1 Storm Water Resource Plan Update:

- The Storm Water Resource Plan has been completed and forward to The Water Board for final approval.
- There is close to 30 projects within the plan that will become eligible when Prop 1 monies become available...Summer/Fall 2018.
- All your input was so important in making this plan successful, we thank you!

Prop 1E County Emergency Action Plan (EAP):

- The County is working on this Emergency Response Project/Plan.
- Working hard to meet deadline of January 29, 2018. We will be asking for approximately \$300,000-\$500,000.
- The grant requires 0% match. Zero.
- We will be asking key players to be involved and participate with the County (ie...RWMG members, OES, etc.)

11. Discussion - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG

- District 5/Foothills Recruitment
- Meeting with Triangle T

Jeannie H attended the Triangle T Board meeting to explain and discuss the RWMG and becoming a member. The Triangle T Board is interested and a representative from that group stated they would attend in January to get more information. They were not in attendance, so Jeannie H will again reach out.

12. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, February 12, 2018 - 1:30 pm

Location: Chowchilla City Hall (aka Civic Center), 130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla – the Training Room.

13. Future Agenda Items:

- Discussion and Action: on possible meeting day change - bring calendars to review dates of meetings; may change from Monday
- Water credits – if you save water or create water you should get credit for it

14. Action Items/Adjourn: 2:50

- Check if it is a holiday for Chowchilla
- Reach out to Triangle T
- Pull SEMCU request for project for the plan update
- Send project list to Ahmad and Dario for review per Supervisor Wheeler
- IRWMP RAP Madera Map to Tom W for possible new county lines