



Regional Water Management Group
Monday, December 10, 2018 1:30 pm
Location: Madera County Government Center
200 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637, 559-675-7703
Located on Gateway Drive and 4th Street.
Meeting is in 4th floor Conference room

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

. Open – Flag Salute

- Introductions – 1:34

Jeannie Habben – Admin Assistant

Tom Wheeler – Madera County BOS

Carl Janzen – Madera Irrigation District

Al Solis – S.E.M.C.U.

Igal Treibatch – S.E.M.C.U.

Stephanie Anagnoson – MC, Water & NR

Zaira Lopez – CA RWQCB

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD

Ken Bonesteel – QK

Dave Merchen – City of Madera

Ilse Lopez-Narvaez– Self Help Enterprises

Julia Berry – Root Creek

Doug Welch – Chowchilla Water District

Dario Dominguez – Madera County

John Riddiough & Wife – Sugar Pine HOA

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- November 13, 2018 – Minutes

- December 10, 2018 - Agenda

Carl J made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Igal T second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously.

Igal T made a motion to approve the minutes with changes (below); Carl J second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously

Add to Minutes from November – Igal T discussed the need for Water Credits as an investment for either public or private partnerships working toward water recharge/water creation. Some formula needs to be created to credit those who find ways to create water or save water.

3. Public Comment –

- The Department of Conservation (DOC) has posted the draft Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Guidelines for public comment. They will be accepting comments through Friday, November 23rd with the intention of posting final guidelines and the RFP on November 30th. This program funds watershed coordinator positions to develop and implement watershed improvement plans consistent with the Forest Carbon Plan and Executive Order B-52-18. Watershed coordinators will facilitate watershed-scale collaborations, promote integrated watershed management efforts, and support local implementation activities to restore resilience to forestlands.
- CDFW has released their 2019 Proposition 1 & Proposition 68 Grant Opportunities Proposal Solicitation Notice. Additional information about the grant programs and the application process can be found on the grant program website. Deadline for proposals is December 18. CDFW will host two application workshops to provide technical

assistance on the application process on November 14 and November 28. Funding will be allocated according to a diverse set of priorities for projects statewide, including:

- \$24 million for the Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program;
 - \$7 million for the Proposition 1 Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program;
 - \$4.4 million for Proposition 68 Rivers and Streams Restoration Grants;
 - \$8.8 million for Proposition 68 Southern California Steelhead Grants; and
 - \$8.8 million for Proposition 68 Habitat Improvement Grants.
- MPA Long-Term Monitoring Program 2019 Solicitation - This MPA Monitoring Program 2019 Solicitation is administered by Sea Grant in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Ocean Protection Council. This announcement invites the submission of proposals of one of two types, Qualification Request or Full Proposal Request. All applications must be submitted by December 20.
 - The Groundwater Resources Association is hosting a conference aimed at bridging the gap in knowledge among sky, surface, and groundwater. The agenda will be looking at integrated water management from many angles, including where it begins, in the sky. The conference will be Jan. 28 and 29, in San Diego.
https://www.grac.org/events/217/?mc_cid=aca4bfe61e&mc_eid=%5bUNI%5d
 - On Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm at the Madera County Government Center, (200 West 4th Street – 3rd Floor, conference Room 3005) is the Public Hearing of the LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) for the Consolidation of the Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District and the Madera Resource Conservation District.

New Business:

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

- Approval of 2019 Budget

Carl J presented the December financials to show the completion of 2018. Carl J made a motion to approve to accept the December Financials as presented; Dave M second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously.

Carl J then presented the 2019 budget. This is based on the current status of the Administrative Assistant. He suggested accepting this new budget with the stipulation that only \$1500.00 (half of the dues) is billed in January and if the remainder is required, then a second invoice will go out in June for the additional \$1,500.00.

Al S made a motion to accept the 2019 Budget as presented with the stipulation presented; Carl J second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously

The second part of the proposed budget is the funding for the DAC contract in the Valley Funding Area. Jeannie H explained that this funding may be in jeopardy because DWR is deciding if this group is a legal entity that can receive and hold funding. This will be discussed in the future; as this group may need to find a Fiscal Agent to do the grant management for the DAC funding.

5. Discussion and Action - IRWM Plan Update

- Discuss Final Plan and Vote

Ken B presented the Fourth and Final Draft of the IRWM Plan Update. There are now 109 projects on the list. Jeannie H gave him 16 final suggestions/changes drawn up by the Water and Natural Resources department. He will take care of these this week. I

A discussion was held about the request that was made to add a statement to dry wells. This is in reference to a study currently being conducted in the Madera Ranchos/Root Creek area where dry wells are being tested as a means for groundwater recharge. Igal T feels this is viable potential to keep water from flowing off the land during heavy rains, but currently they are taking the water out of one well and letting it flow into the dry well to test the capacity "without backing up". It was pointed out in the meeting that based on SGMA, the only way to get credit is by introducing new water into the basin – not from one well to another well. Igal stated that this is a study, only, that can be used to show how to introduce new water into the basin from rain water so that it does not leave the property; this could also prevent flooding. In his area they are testing four dry wells. It was also stated that the development within the floodway would require a H & H analysis showing no rise in the BFE. That would include any grading, filling, or obstructions within the floodway.

Ken B stated that all of this is covered under the Goal Section and the Project List. And the suggestion of public and private partnership is covered under the "Audience and Partners" section of the Plan Update.

- Discuss DWR Submittal

Jeannie H distributed the Resolution required to be adopted to accept the Plan Update as presented. This is required to accompany the Plan Update to show DWR that this group has accepted this document as presented and has approved QK sending it on their behalf.

Carl J made the motion to approve the resolution to adopt the update to the RWMG and Igal T second the motion; all voted, and the motion passed. Chairman Tom W signed the resolution. This is only adopting the plan so that DWR will review it and accept it. Once this plan is accepted by DWR, it comes back to this group and goes out to all of the voting members. They then need to take it to their prospective boards and have it approved, accepted, and have a Resolution signed and returned to be filed with this group as a member.

The next steps for QK are to:

- complete all of the suggested changes and corrections
- Create the final document
- Submit it to DWR
- Follow-up with any questions, suggestions, changes, or concerns from DWR to have the Plan Update accepted.

6. Discussion and Action – Administrative Assistant Position

After discussion; it was stated that there are three sections to this position: 1) the Administrative Assistant duties; 2) the DAC work in both the Foothills and the Valley Funding Areas; 3) the grant administration for the DAC grant.

There is a need to replace all of these for this group.

Carl J made the motion to thank Jeannie H for all of her work over the years and accept her resignation as of December 31. She is moving on to a Full-Time position with the County to

work in their Water and Natural Resources Department. Igal T second the motion; all voted; and the motion passed unanimously.

Jeannie H will need to be replaced as the Administrative Assistant. The grant administration portion of the position is on hold until DWR decides if a Fiscal Agent is required to hold and process the DAC funds. There also needs to be another designation for the DAC representation for the mountain area and possibly as backup for the San Joaquin Valley funding area.

Old Business:

7. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, January 14, 2018 - 1:30 pm (Columbus Day)
Location: Raley's Supermarket – Community Room; 40041 CA-49, Oakhurst
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.

Note: All meeting reservations for Oakhurst in 2019 have been made.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- New hire of Administrative Assistant
- Plan update to DWR
- Prop 1 implementation funds
- Other funding opportunities

9. Action Items/Adjourn: Adjourn 2:51pm

Before the closing of the meeting Tom W presented the 2019 meeting calendar and asked that the group accept it as presented with the possibility of changes during the year to allow for holidays – Carl J made the motion to accept the 2019 meeting calendar as presented; Al S second the motion; all voted, and the motion passed unanimously.