



**Regional Water Management Group**  
**Monday, January 14, 2019 1:30 pm**  
**Location: Oakhurst, 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

. Open – Flag Salute

- Introductions – 1:34pm

Tom Wheeler – Madera County BOS

Dario Dominguez – Madera County

Carl Janzen – Madera Irrigation District

Al Solis – S.E.M.C.U.

Zaira Lopez – CA RWQCB

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD

Ilse Lopez-Narvaez– Self Help Enterprises

Maria Herrera – Self Help Enterprises

Garth Pecchenino - QK

Doug Welch – Chowchilla Water District

Fred Ong - None

Clyde Wheeler - ILEPOA

Celeste Wheeler - ILEPOA

Robyn Stiles - ILEPOA

Jim Broltin –

John Riddiough - SPHOA

Christi Hansard – Proposed Admin  
Assistant

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- December 10, 2018 – Minutes

- January 14, 2019 – Agenda

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

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

3. Public Comment –

- John R, representing the Sugar Pine Home Owners Association, spoke on his community's recent experiences with water and sewer connections and offered to share their bylaws and the name of their attorney, if this group would find that information useful. He also voiced water concerns over the RV park being developed at Sky Ranch. Tom W responded that Sky Ranch project has 2 good wells. A negative impact on Sugar Pine is not anticipated.
- Carl J reported on his participation in the IRWMP round table conference call, 1-14-19, discussing the State's 2018 Water Plan. The next update will be in 2023.

### **New Business:**

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

After discussion of the financials, with all debits and credits explained, Carl J made a motion to approve the Financial Report with no changes; Don R second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.

The group was reminded that members could pay their \$3,000 dues in either one total payment or in two \$1,500 payments, one now and the second in July.

5. Discussion and Action – New Administrative Assistant  
Tom W introduced Christi Hansard as the proposed new administrative assistant for the group. She gave a brief synopsis of her career experience in agricultural research and development, natural resources and environmental protection, including having represented a local tribe on this committee in 2010. Jeannie H has spent time training her and is available to answer her questions. Her employment will be on the same terms as the previous administrative assistant. If approved, a contract will be made available for signature at the February meeting.  
Carl J made a motion to approve; Don R second; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.
6. Discussion IRWM Plan Update and DWR Submittal  
Garth P reported that the IRWMP Plan Update was finalized with some minor changes to the draft last reviewed by this group. Jeannie H submitted the document as a stand-alone document to be added to the original 2008 Plan and following the 2014 Plan Update. Christi H will ask Jeannie H to provide group access to the finalized pdf document. Ilse L responded to a question about when funds would be distributed. Two rounds of funding are expected, one this year and the second in two years. Collaborative projects benefitting the region as a whole will be evaluated more favorably.
7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
  - Mountain Counties  
Jeannie H has been monitoring this. Three reports resulting from Madera IRWM Community Capacity Workshop, addressing Socio-Economic information, Water/Wastewater needs assessment, and the Tribal Advisory Committee information are expected. These will be added as an appendix to the Plan when it is completed. Christi H will contact Jeannie H to find out what is next.
  - San Joaquin Valley  
Carl J reported that the Valley “is in”. Contra Costa has not signed. Distribution of the \$1.3 million for Madera County is likely to be made according to DAC population. If this is the case, it could all be spent on Valley needs. Maria H reported that Self Help Enterprises is surveying DACs in all 7 regions to understand why there is a lack of engagement in the process. Survey results are expected in March. Celeste W said the North Fork hasn’t finished its report. Woodward and Kern have been hired to organize the water needs assessment.
8. Proposition 1 – Implementation Funding – PSP  
Dario D said that as new funding becomes available we need to find out who qualifies. Maria H asked that this item be kept on the agenda so the discussion on funding opportunities can continue. Carl J suggested that by working together we can limit the “ask” to the amount available.

**Old Business:**

9. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management – SGMA  
The Madera and Chowchilla Sub-basin Workshop is scheduled for February 7, 6:00-7:30, at the Senior Center in Madera. Discussions will focus on groundwater modeling.  
  
The next Chowchilla Subbasin GSP Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 9, at 12 noon. The meeting will be held at the Portuguese Hall, 800 South Third Street, Chowchilla CA. An RSVP is needed, as lunch will be served.
10. Report – Implementation Grant Project Updates

- Round I – Arundo/Silt Removal Project  
About 45,000 tons of sand have been removed from the channel. This represents about half of the total need. Arrundo regrowth is apparent in some areas. MID is not addressing it. Dario D will bring it to the attention of the BOS.
11. Discussion - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG  
No other discussions or suggestions for membership.
  12. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, February 11, 2019 - 1:30 pm  
Chowchilla City Hall (aka Civic Center), 130 Second Street, Chowchilla – in the Training Room. Directions: Highway 99 to Robertson Blvd. – Go West to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and make a left - the City Hall is on the right. Access the Training Room through doors located on alley side of the building closest to Third Street (not Second Street). Parking is along Third Street or along Trinity Avenue or in Second Street parking lot. However you will enter through doors in alleyway closest to Third Street.
  13. Future Agenda Items:
    - Election of Officers
    - Prop 1 Implementation Funds
    - Funding opportunities
  14. Action Items/Adjourn  
The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.