



## ***Regional Water Management Group***

**Location:** 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. Please enter through doors in alleyway closest to Third Street.

### **MINUTES**

Monday, February 11, 2019 1:30 pm

#### 1. Call to Order – 1:30pm

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Introductions

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

Jeannie Habben, Madera County

Stephanie Anagnon, Madera County

Christina Beckstead, Madera CFB

Doug Welch – Chowchilla Water District

Christi Hansard, Note Taker

#### 2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- January 14, 2019 – Minutes

- February 11, 2019 – Agenda

Carl J made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of: 3.5 Election of Officers; Stephanie A second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously.

Carl J made a motion to approve the minutes with changes: Item 6 – change “Ilse L” to “Maria H”; Item 7, bullet 2 - add “Ilse L and” before “Maria H reported”; Item 7.2, last sentence – change “Kern” to “Curran”. Stephanie A second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

#### 3. Public Comment

- Jeannie H presented a Letter of Support for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator funding application. Carl J asked for a thumbs up indication of support. All responded with thumbs up. Tom W signed the letter.

#### **New Business:**

##### 3.5 Election of Officers

Carl J made a motion to re-nominate the existing slate of officers. Don R second the motion. All voted. The motion carried unanimously. Tom W will continue to serve as President; Carl J will continue to serve as Vice President.

#### 4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

After discussion of the financials, including identification of the \$450 SEMCU item as having come from 2018; 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.

5. Discussion and Action – New Administrative Assistant

Christi H presented her contract to the group for approval and signature. Al S made a motion to approve; Doug W second; all voted; motion is passed unanimously. Tom W signed the contract.

6. Discussion IRWM Plan Update and DWR Submittal

We are presently in the 60-day Comment Period, and as such, have not heard from the State. After approval by the State, Each board will be asked to approve the Plan and prepare resolutions. Two rounds of funding are expected, one this year and the second in two years. Collaborative projects benefitting the region as a whole are expected to be evaluated more favorably.

7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- Mountain Counties

Jeannie H has been monitoring this. There is \$1.3M for implementation in the 12 regions. The report prepared following the North Fork meeting was submitted. Corrections made included “Yosemite National Park is not the same as Yosemite Lakes Park”; and the “nice homes” representation for the communities of North Fork and Raymond was seen as inaccurate. Work continues on the final report.

- San Joaquin Valley

There is \$31M for implementation in the Valley. Carl J reported that Woodward and Curran requested payment for time spent on the water need assessment. Shawn has left MID, so Carl J will look into this. He feels that the best distribution of funds may be by population. He will work with Dario D on this.

8. Proposition 1 – Implementation Funding – PSP

As funding becomes available we need to find out who has shovel-ready projects and determine how to divide the funds. The Fiscal Agent has yet to be determined. Carl J suggested that by working together we can limit the “ask” to the amount available.

**Old Business:**

9. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management – SGMA

Stephanie A reported that we are less than a year from turning in the plan.

The Madera and Chowchilla Sub-basin Workshop, and the CSUF meeting were reported to have been good informationally, but had little DAC involvement. There was agreement on the need to listen to the facts and to balance and compromise in order to move forward.

Stephanie A and Jeannie H will tour with Self-Help on March 1st to promote groundwater issues and demonstrate on-the-ground needs.

10. Report – Implementation Grant Project Updates

- Round I – Arundo/Silt Removal Project

Dario D reported that the project is winding down. They are now hauling about 60,000 tons of sand from stockpiles, and will use the cost of hauling it away as a match on the grant. Arrundo regrowth remains apparent in some areas.

11. Discussion - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG