



## **Regional Water Management Group**

**Location: Madera Government Center**

200 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Madera, California 93647

Directions: Located on Gateway Drive and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

The meeting is held in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

### **MINUTES**

Monday, March 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  
Ilse Lopez-Navarez, SHE  
Jeannie Habben, Madera County  
Stephanie Anagnoson, Madera County  
Julia Berry, RCWD

Doug Welch – Chowchilla Water District  
Scott Silva, Greystone Equities  
Jason Rogers, Chowchilla  
Igal Treibatch, SEMCU  
Dave Merchen  
Samantha Lopes, FMS  
Garth Pecchenino, QK  
Christi Hansard, Note Taker

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

- February 11, 2019 – Minutes
- March 11, 2019 – Agenda

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

Carl J made a motion to approve the minutes; Igal T second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously

#### 3. Public Comment

- Tom W reported that he has recorded 33” of rainfall at his North Fork property. Jeannie H reported that she has recorded 23” on her Coarsegold property. Carl J reported that irrigation water is available for the next 12 days at no cost.

#### **New Business:**

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

After discussion of the financials, including identification of City of Chowchilla, Gravelly Ford, and City of Madera as having paid dues; with all debits and credits explained, Carl J made a motion to approve the Financial Report with no changes; Jason R second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.

#### 5. Discussion and Action – New Administrative Assistant

Christi H presented her corrected contract to Tom W for signature. No action was needed, as approval was given at the February meeting. Tom W signed the contract.

6. Discussion IRWM Plan Update and DWR Submittal

Jeannie H reported that our Plan Update was rejected by the State. The document submitted only included those sections that were changed. It was not a “stand alone” document. The original Plan was completed decades ago and the Update did not include the entire Plan. Garth P will review the comments and proposed a conference call to better understand what is needed. QK will address those needs and resend. Carl J suggested reviewing the entire Plan before the conference call. Dario D said the previous versions are readily available on the website.

7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- Mountain Counties

Jeannie H has been monitoring this. They are working on how to split the funds. \$11.7M is available for implementation. If they decide to divide the funds evenly there will be \$1.3M per region. The advantage to funding DAC projects is that there is no match needed. They are also considering a 50-50 split between DACs and Tribes. A vote will be taken. DWR wants projects by July/August. There will be two meetings. Tom W may attend the next one.

- San Joaquin Valley Counties

Carl J reported they will use population to divide funds, resulting in \$1.689M each. A discussion followed on how to assign the funds, as there is greater demand than can be met by the available funds. There are nine projects under consideration. After discussion of City of Madera water meters, Parkwood, Parksdale, and Fairmead projects, Tom W proposed a special meeting to prioritize the projects under consideration. Jeannie H will set the meeting and send out the announcement.

8. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding

Madera County will serve as the Local Project Sponsor, due to Jeannie H's and Tom W's county positions. Jeannie H will be the Grant Administrator; MID will write the checks.

Ilse L gave an update on the IRWM DAC Involvement Program, San Joaquin River Funding Area's Community Participation Survey. Copies of the survey were provided. The survey will go out to public water users in both English and Spanish. They hope for a 15% or better response. There will be a meeting to discuss results on April 10, 4:00-7:00pm, at the Modesto Century Plaza.

**Old Business:**

9. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management – SGMA

Stephanie A reported that the recent farmland tour and advisory committee meetings reached 50+ people. She invited all to attend the SGMA Madera Subbasin Coordination Committee meeting, on March 21, 3:00pm, at the Frank Bergon Senior Center, 238 South D Street, Madera. Topics to be discussed include coordination in the Madera Subbasin, GSP requirements, GSA-specific projects, and present groundwater modeling.

Doug W announced a meeting on March 21, 2:00pm, at the Portuguese Hall, Chowchilla, to present groundwater modeling results.

10. Report – Implementation Grant Project Updates

- Round I – Arundo/Silt Removal Project

Dario D reported that the channel is not accessible, due to wet weather. Sand is available, but there is no equipment available for loading.

11. Discussion - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG  
Carl J suggested Triangle T for membership. Samantha L will follow up.
- \*3. In a return to Public Comment, Igal T spoke of the need for a grant to fund a project to install 260 drywells throughout the county for groundwater recharge. He reported on the success of a test well and responded to questions from the group.
12. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, April 8, 2019 - 1:30 pm  
Raley's Supermarket Community Room. 40041 CA-49, Oakhurst, California. The shopping center is located at the intersection of Highway 41 and Highway 49. The community room is in the back of the store next to the Pharmacy.
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Action Items/Adjourn  
The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.