



## *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, May 13, 2019 1:30 pm

### 1. Call to Order – 1:35pm

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Introductions

Tom Wheeler – Madera County BOS  
Carl Janzen – Madera Irrigation District  
Al Solis – S.E.M.C.U.  
Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD  
Ilse Lopez-Navarez, SHE  
Jeannie Habben, Madera County  
Doug Welch - CWD  
Stephanie Anagnoson, Madera County

Michael Petgas – Madera Pump Inc.  
Jason Roger - Chowchilla  
Dario Dominguez – Madera County  
Keith Helmuth – City of Madera  
Zaira Lopez - RWQCB  
Christi Hansard, Note Taker

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

- Minutes: Carl J made a motion to approve March 11, 2019 Minutes; Don R second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously. April 8, 2019 Meeting Notes, in the absence of a quorum were reviewed, and given a thumbs-up.
- Agenda: Jeannie H asked to add “and Action” to Old Business item number 13 of the May 13, 2019 Agenda so that a vote can be taken on perspective new member, Triangle T. Carl J made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition; Don R second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Public Comment

- Jeannie H made 2 announcements
  1. A Fire Safety in the Foothills meeting has been scheduled for June 15, 2019.
  2. Living in the Foothills meeting has been scheduled for June 29, 2019.
- Ilse L announced a SHE Workshop scheduled for June 3, 2019, at the Madera County Government Offices, Room 2005.
- Stephanie A responded to a water budget question posed by Celeste W. She said the threshold in question applies to urban communities, not rural.
- A suggestion was made to simplify the sign-in sheet by making a list that can be checked off by attendees.
- Tom W announced that the Madera County Board of Supervisors will be meeting on May 14, 2019.

## **New Business:**

4. Following the discussion of the proposed change to meeting day of the month, Carl J made a motion to change the meeting day to the fourth Monday of each month; Jason R second; all voted; the motion passed unanimously. Christi H will make the changes with the meeting rooms and will notify all on the e-mail list.
5. 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; Al S second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.
6. Discussion – Groundwater Pumpers Group  
Stephanie A proposed the formation of 2 educational groups, one mountain and one valley, to provide Q and A and troubleshooting services to residential well users, because many people, particularly those new to the foothills, do not understand how wells work. Partnering with RCDs may happen. Tom W inquired about grant funding. Stephanie A responded that very little money will be needed. Jeannie H announced that Madera Chowchilla RCD is under the leadership of Kuhr and Petrucci, with Laurel Angel as Executive Director. Carl J asked if notices can be sent to new well permit holders or new land purchasers. Stephanie A responded that this is public information, available online.
7. Discussion – Tasks and Duties Associated with IRWM  
Jeannie H made a motion to table this discussion to the June meeting; Al S second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.
8. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
  - Mountain Counties  
Jeannie H has been monitoring this. The project is almost complete. The report is waiting for the tribal portion, being written by Sierra Institute.
  - San Joaquin Valley Counties
    - Ilse L distributed a flyer for the SHE workshop on June 3, 2019. She shared a power point printout for Madera Project 9, which will address 7 wells over a two year period. Tom W commented that the system will need to be designed to address contaminants. Carl J asked about coordination with county test information, and suggested that coliform bacteria be included.
    - Maija was not present from P&P to report on their progress. Ilse L reported that P&P is working on maps and metering. Jeannie H will contact SHE and P&P regarding the invoice that is due on May 24, 2019.
9. Discussion IRWM Plan Update and DWR Submittal  
Jeannie H reported that the rejection of our Plan Update was due to QK's failure to use the most recent version of the Plan, in which some corrections had already been completed. Specific corrections DWR required were not done. Jeannie H, Tom W, Stephanie A, and Dario D will contact Amber at QK on May 14, 2019, at 8:00am, to Discuss the Board's displeasure with the situation and needed steps forward.
10. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding
  - a) Mountain Counties  
Jeannie H reported that they are working on how to split the funds (by population or evenly by 9 ways), and on the possible bundling of projects. Jeannie voted for the even split, and will attend the upcoming meeting. Carl J suggested that

perhaps the offer of an adjustment can be made to address CABY's assertion that the even split of funds would be unfair to them.

b) Valley Counties

Jeannie H announced that pre-proposals are due August 9, 2019. Optional workshops to identify needed pre-submission changes will take place August 23 – September 6. Deadlines are to be set by each funding area. We will have to complete two pre-proposals, one for the mountains, and one for the valley, but they cannot be done until our Plan is submitted to DWR. Carl J is confident that Amber (QK) will provide us with a Plan that will be approved.

c) Project Prioritization

New Project Number 1, Water Meter Installation Project, now needs about 400 meters. These are the meters that may be more difficult to install. The Project Cost may be less than \$1 million.

New Project Number 9, Water Storage Tank and Transmission Main, may move to position 5, as it is 50% DAC. Projects 1-4 are 100% DAC.

d) Dates and Criteria

The final PSP is not out. Changes will include more time for permits; reimbursement of permitting costs; 75% DAC; administrative costs being limited to 10%; the final application being due within 8 weeks of the meeting; and the addition of climate change.

e) Administration

We need a grant writer. We need to identify who submits the grant. We need a fiscal agent.

Jason R made a motion to select New Project Number 1, Water Meter Installation Project, City of Madera, and New Project Number 2, Parkwood Meter Installation, Madera County Public Works, with New Project Number 3, Madera Canal Recharge Basin, Madera County Flood Control, as the alternate. Carl J second. All voted. The motion passed unanimously. Stephanie A and Jeannie H will work with the County grant writer. Tom W will contact the grant writer for the City.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

11. Sustainable Groundwater Management Report

A full day of Madera-Chowchilla meetings have been scheduled for May 29. Chapter 1 is under review.

12. Arundo/Silt Removal Project Report

Dario D reported that the grant expires June 30. He is considering extending it, as there are funds remaining that can be used in the fall. The match has been met.

13. Triangle T's application to join the group was discussed. Al S made a motion to accept Triangle T's application for membership. Carl J second the motion. All voted. The motion passed unanimously.

14. The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 1:30pm.  
Meeting 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.
15. No future agenda items were added.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.