



Regional Water Management Group

LOCATION: Madera Government Center
200 West 4th Street, Madera, California

DIRECTIONS: Located on Gateway Drive and 4th Street.
The meeting is held in the 4th floor conference room.

MINUTES

Monday, June 24, 2019 1:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm, by Carl Janzen, vice chair. The flag salute was followed by self-introductions:

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 – Chowchilla Water District
Stephanie Anagnoson, Madera County
Igal Treibatch – SEMCU
Scott Silva – Greystone Equities

Michael Peters – Kaweah Pump & Well
Jason Rogers – City of Chowchilla
Dario Dominguez – Madera County
Julie Konno - CRCD
Zaira Lopez - RWQCB
Sars Johal - SEMCU
Johnnie Silizneff-NRCD
Christi Hansard – RWMG Notetaker

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- Minutes: After correcting Item 8 from “Ilse L *reported* that P&P...” to “Ilse L *mentioned* that P&P...”, a motion to approve the May Minutes with the correction was made by Al S; Igal T second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.
- Agenda: Jason R made a motion to approve the agenda; Al S second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

- Igal T distributed a Technical Memorandum produced by Provost & Pritchard on Groundwater Recharge via Dry Wells in the Madera Ranchos, for the use of RWMG members. SEMCU is applying for grant money for dry wells. Concerns over contamination, silting-up, and canal capacity were expressed.
- Zaira L reported that she will no longer be attending these meetings for the Regional Water Quality Control board, but can still be reached by telephone, should anyone need to contact her.
- Jeannie H made 3 announcements
 1. Sierra Nevada Conservancy has listed numerous grant opportunities in it's on-line newsletter.
 2. The County held a workshop on Prop 68.
 3. “Living in the Foothills of Eastern Madera County” workshop will be held on June 29, in the Oakhurst Library.

New Business:

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

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

- Jeannie H handles invoicing and grant administration for Prop 1 funds. She reported that, due to the way the fund distribution system is set up, it is taking about 4 months from reporting to having funds on hand. She asked how we want to pay our contractors. After discussion it was decided that we will pay within 30 days of receipt of invoice.
5. Stephanie A distributed a Memorandum outlining the Mission and Purpose and Activities for the Groundwater Pumpers Group. She will report next month on her attempts to locate grants to support this group.
 6. Discussion – Tasks and Duties Associated with IRWM
Jeannie H suggested that the group continue to table this discussion. All agreed.
 7. The revised IRWM Plan Update has been accepted. The 30-day public comment period will run through the 19th of July. Member-boards must vote to accept the plan, then pass resolutions. Acceptance of the Plan has been placed on the Madera County Board of Supervisors' agenda for August 6. Carl J requested that Jeannie H send copies of the 2014 Resolutions to the member-groups as a sample of what is needed.
 8. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
 - Mountain Counties
 - a) Stephanie A stated that Indian Lakes and North Fork are DACs. Jeannie H has asked Indian Lakes to provide project cost estimates.
 - San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - a) No report was given for Provost & Pritchard.
 - b) Ilse L reported on SHE's Project 4. Workshops are being finalized. There were new attendees and good discussions at the Madera workshop. The Needs Assessment Report is being drafted and will be distributed when available.
 - c) Well Water Testing is underway.
 - d) Ilse L shared her Power Point slides for Project 9. SHE is looking for increased IRWM participation. Ilse L wants feedback and approval of materials from this group. A thumbs up was given.
 - e) Stephanie A recommended that SHE contact Madera county Environmental Health for input on the Permission form.
 9. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding

Jeannie H distributed information on the IRWMP Round One Implementation Grants for the SJRFA and the MCFA showing deadlines for completion of requirements and funds available for Round One. She also distributed the Project List. Both Mountain and Valley groups will split their funds evenly for Round One. Pre-application deadlines for Valley projects will be August 9th; deadlines for Mountain projects will be August 16th. Carl J said the pre-applications should come to the RWMG by the July meeting for discussion. Stephanie A advised groups to complete and return the 2-page form they will be receiving from Jeannie H.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Sustainable Groundwater Management Report

Stephanie A expects drafts for the 90-day public comment period, on August 1st. The report

will be sent out piecemeal for review. Allow plenty of time for data entry, as the system is inefficient, and could crash.

11. Arundo/Silt Removal Project Report

Dario D reported that the project has been extended until June 2020. A great deal of water in Berenda Slough is being transpired by arundo.

12. No new memberships were suggested.

13. The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 22, 2019, at 1:30pm.

LOCATION: RALEY'S SUPERMARKET COMMUNITY ROOM,

40041 CA49, Oakhurst, California 83644

Northwest corner of HWY 41 & HWY 49

The Community Room is in the back of the store next to the Pharmacy

15. No future agenda items were added.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.