



Regional Water Management Group

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

MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2019 1:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm, by Tom Wheeler, chairman.

The flag salute was followed by self-introductions. Those present included:

Tom Wheeler – Madera County BOS
Carl Janzen – Madera Irrigation District
Al Solis – S.E.M.C.U.
Jeannie Habben - Madera County
Stephanie Anagnoson - Madera County
Keith Helmuth – Madera County

Don Roberts – GFWD
Doug Welch – CWD
David Kono – CRCDD
Johnnie Silizneff – NRCS
Christi Hansard – RWMG Note Taker

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- A motion to approve the August minutes was made by Carl J; Stephanie A second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve the September agenda was made by Carl J; Don R second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

- Jeannie H announced upcoming events and items of interest:
 1. Beyond the Brink
 2. Sierra Nevada webinar on climate change
 3. CalFire Forest Health Workshop October 16
 4. CDFA grant for specialty crops
 5. 2019 Water Summit in Sacramento
- Stephanie A announced that Dario Dominguez is the new Director of Public Works for the City of Fowler.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

- After distribution and discussion of the cash activity report, with all debits and credits explained, Carl J made a motion to approve the Report with no changes; Stephanie A second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.
- As the result of the August closed session discussion, Carl J made a motion to reduce the Note Taker pay to \$300/month, effective in October. Stephanie A second; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.
- Carl J made a motion to pay Madera County \$700/month for Jeannie H's services to the group, effective in October. Al S second; all voted; motion is passed unanimously.
- Carl J stated that there is no need for the collection of additional funds for this year. He will bring the 2020 budget to the next meeting.

5. Groundwater Pumpers Group Update

Stephanie A announced that there is no update this month, and requested the item be moved to old business effective in October.

6. IRWM Plan Update

Jeannie H contacted DWR. The Plan Update was fully approved. She expects a letter within a week. Resolutions have been received from all groups except Chowchilla Water District, Gravely Ford, and Fairmead and Friends.

Stephanie A announced that Madera Valley Water Company is now a DAC, and wants to rejoin the group, as a dues-exempt member. They have been invited to come to the next meeting. Carl J reminded the group that the DACs combined have one vote.

7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- Mountain Counties

Jeannie H reported that this is done. There is \$40,000 still available. This could fund something like a water tank for firefighting. David K suggested North Fork Community Center be considered.

- San Joaquin Valley Counties

- P&P completed the water meter assessment report. Funding will be needed to address findings.
- SHE conducted two community meetings, one in Parksdale, and one in LaVina. Carl J attended both. They continue to work on water testing.

8. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding

- Mountain Counties

Jeannie H and Eddie Mendez made presentations at DWR in Sacramento. The total amount available is \$551,000. The cost for the Indian Lakes Smart Meter Project is \$500,000. The cost for the Indian Lakes New Well Project is \$600,000, not the previously thought \$50,000. Further discussion will take place before November.

- San Joaquin Valley Counties

Keith H made presentations to DWR in Turlock, requesting \$963,000 for the meter projects, with only minor changes proposed by the panel. The final applications are due in November.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Sustainable Groundwater Management Report

Stephanie A reported that the Madera subbasin is in the public comment period. The joint GSP is expected December 17-18; Gravely Ford December 4; Root Creek November 11; Newstone December 23. 8 or 9 comments have been received. The public comment period for the Chowchilla subbasin ends October 5. One comment has been received. Carl J suggested the Nature Conservancy read and comment.

10. Arundo/Silt Removal Project Report

Stephanie A reported that Fish and Wildlife has given the go-ahead for sand removal. The application is in Jeannie H's newsletter.

11. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG

No new memberships were suggested.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 28, 2019, at 1:30pm.

Location: Oakhurst, Raley's Supermarket Community Room
40041 Highway 49, Oakhurst, CA 93644 – 559-683-8300

Directions: The shopping center is located on the North/West corner of the intersection of Highway 41 and Highway 49.
The Community Room is in the back of the store, adjacent to the pharmacy.

13. Future Agenda Items

14. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.