



Regional Water Management Group

LOCATION: Raley's Community Center
Corner Highways 41 and 49
Oakhurst, California

MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 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
Bob Macauley – Madera County
Maya Madec – P&P
Sarbjit Johal - SEMCU

Doug Welch – CWD
David Kono – CRCO
Clyde Wheeler – Indian Lakes
Celeste Wheeler – Indian Lakes
Angela Islas – SHE
Eva Dominguez - SHE
Christi Hansard – RWMG Note Taker

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Carl J; Al S second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve the October agenda was made by Carl J; Al S second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

- Celeste W shared that the president of the Indian Lakes Property Owners' Association had a stroke and is in the hospital.
- Stephanie A announced that the county GSA is looking at a charging \$22.50/A. This will be considered by the BOS on November 12, 2019.
- Jeannie H announced a water conference in Tulare on November 7 and the Fresno Farm Bureau's Fall Fest on November 2.

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; Al S second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously. Christi H was instructed to send a letter to Julia at Root Creek, as their 2019 payment has not been received. Anthony Forrestiere will be asked to send another invoice.
- Carl J went over his proposed Draft 2020 Budget. He asked that members take it to their groups for discussion before this group votes on it next month.
- Jeannie H reminded the group that facilitation grants are still available through DWR.

5. IRWM Plan Update

- Jeannie H contacted DWR. The Plan Update was fully approved. The expected a letter from DWR has still not been received. They assured us that it is coming, they just could not say when.

- Resolutions have been received from all groups except Gravely Ford, and Fairmead and Friends. Both are being prepared.

6. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- Mountain Counties
Jeannie H reported that this is almost done. We are still waiting for completion of the tribal section. There is \$40,000 still available. This will fund a water tank for extra water storage at the North Fork Community Center.
- San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - Maya M reported that P&P completed the water meter assessment report. Combined Technical Assistance funding for Parksdale, River , and Easton in the amount of about \$1.2 million is needed. A question was raised as to whether this is 3A or 3B. Jeannie H will check.
 - SHE defined two tasks: 1. Improving community involvement, and 2. Water testing. They will be making a presentation in Fairmead tonight, during the board meeting. A handout of a power point presentation was provided. They are looking for a funding source. Jeannie H suggested looking at Project 4 for the whole valley. SHE will work on a proposal and an executive report with a conclusion.

7. Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding

- Mountain Counties
Indian Lakes Smart Meter Project for \$500,000 was selected. Coarsegold RCD will be the grant administrator. Work will be done by county public works. The grant proposal is due November 22.
- San Joaquin Valley Counties
The city is doing smart meters. November 15 is their deadline for the grant application. There was a misunderstanding, as the city thought that after the pre-application meeting, the county would do everything else. A grant administrator is needed for the Valley Implementation Grant, \$1.6 million. David K will ask if YSRC&D is interested.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Sustainable Groundwater Management Report

Stephanie A and Jeannie H will set a meeting date when the county building opens in Oakhurst. "Living in the Foothills/Beyond the Brink". Carl J suggested inviting realtors.

9. SGMA Report

Stephanie A and Doug W reported that the listening session was successful. Public meetings will take place after all comments are in. Expect this to go to the boards in December, and to DWR in January. The first report is due in April and will include 2018-19 data.

10. Arundo/Silt Removal Project Report

Tom W asked if Dario D has been replaced. Applications for that position will be accepted through October 29, 2019. The Arrundo project will be complete in February 2020.

11. New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG

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.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 25, 2019, at 1:30pm.

Location: Chowchilla City Hall (aka Civic Center)

130 Second Street, Chowchilla – in the Training Room.

Directions: Highway 99 to Robertson Blvd. – Go West to 2nd 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.

13. Future Agenda Items

14. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.