



Meeting Notes | REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING

SOUTHERN SIERRA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Conference Room, 5469 E. Olive Avenue Fresno, CA 93727

A. Call in: 605-475-2090

B. Passcode: 78530

Meeting Goals:

1. Discuss and approve edited IRWMP chapters 3, 4, 5 update and discuss UC Merced additions;
2. Discuss and preliminarily approve draft chapters 6, 8, 12;
3. Provide updates on project implementation, outreach, coordination and needs for stakeholder involvement;
4. Solicit and discuss Projects and Programs and upcoming funding opportunities for project implementation for the Southern Sierra Region.

1:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Bobby Kamansky, Kamansky's Ecological Consulting
1:05	Introductions, Agenda Review, goals and Ground Rules Bobby reviewed the ground rules, logistics and facilitation for the meeting.	Facilitator
1:10	Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Sandy Rancheria Leech field Project Update – Bobby provided an overview of the project and the new staff dedicated to the area stewardship; they will be contacted for update and briefing. • Springville recycled water, Mountain Aire water tank (Nancy is in South America) • Watershed Connections workgroup meeting – Sarah Campe, SNC, provided an update with support from Carole Combs regarding the Watershed Connections Workgroup becoming a full collaborative group and work to support the collaboratives in the Tulare Basin, including the Southern Sierra and watershed-scale project, such as <i>Arundo</i>. A proposal to US Bureau of Reclamation was written by Bobby and others to support collaboratives, projects and outreach. Shopping the proposal around and UC Merced is working the with the Strategic Growth Council on a proposal which may provide some support. • DAC Programs – Tulare Lake and Mountain Counties. John Shelton provided an overview of the Mountain Counties Funding Area DAC work and the need to participate in the Coordinating Committee meeting at the end of the month. Steve Haze, Jeannie and Bobby are reviewing Mountain 	Bobby/BSR Nancy B. Sarah Campe, Sierra Nevada Conservancy John Shelton, Bobby Steve H., Bobby

	<p>Counties DAC maps and Census/block groups to identify points of contact and workshop locations. The Tulare Basin DAC will meet in April and the facilitator interviewed Bobby about the goals and needs for foothill/mountain DAC needs to be documented and addressed.</p> <p>Jeannie Habben provided an update on the Madera Region’s planning update and their hiring Quad Knopf to write the plan. Bobby Provided an update from Steve Haze on SNC grant award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree mortality and Dinkey Collaborative updates – Bobby provided that he attended the Dinkey Meeting and there is some need to get the data and funding to scale up the data to the regional scale to assist the UC Merced analysis. Bobby mentioned outreach to Sierra NF and the project funding from NFWF for meadow restoration. • Task list and long-term funding – Bobby, Owen and John Shelton provided an update of some of the future of IRWM and the funding timing and picture for our region going forward. We should be able to conceive a few projects and submit for funding. We are updating our plan to new standards so we can submit in the next round, anticipated after summer. • Outreach briefings conducted, planned, needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website, social media, next steps ○ Bobby reviewed the outreach strategy, briefings and updates. We will reach out to tribal entities for updates, projects and input to the plan, we will reach out to funders to seek funding and we will reach out to agencies and those who could not make meetings to provide updates and briefings and opportunities for input. 	
1:30	<p>Interested Party / Public Comment Period At this time any interested party may comment on any activity involving the RWMG, or request consideration to place an item on a future agenda. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken by the RWMG as a result of any item presented at this time.</p>	
1:35	<p>IRWMP Update Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provost & Pritchard and UC Merced provided an overview of the updated drafts of Chapters 3, 4, & 5. The RWMG approved the updates and draft chapters, acknowledging later opportunities to comment • The RWMG reviewed, discussed and preliminarily approved draft chapters 6, 8, 12. The following are summaries and action items: • Chapter 4 Action: Update Survey Monkey for re-prioritizing objectives, complete survey by March 30th. Chapter 6 	<p>UC Merced Provost and Pritchard</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last paragraph of introductory section (just ahead of subsection 6.1) – refinement of draft proposed language to more accurately reflect SLR influences on SS water management efforts (John Shelton and Mohammad Safeeq) <p>Chapter 8 – There was a proposal to rearrange the chapter from J. Shelton, it was agreed. After discussion of the monitoring efforts underway and those beneficial data points, the following action items and additions were identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of Appendix G – Project Lists from past updates and annual reports (Bobby Kamansky) • Section 8.1 – Regional Monitoring Efforts – Need write-ups for new monitoring programs in the region mentioned by the RWMG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i. Kings River Conservation District – Pine Flat (need a knowledgeable volunteer) • ii. US Army Corps of Engineers – Success Lake (need a knowledgeable volunteer) • iii. ASO Monitoring in Yosemite (Mohammad Safeeq) • iv. NEON (Mohammad Safeeq) • v. NIM (sp?), Mark Drew’s Sequoia/Sierra NF Meadow Plans measuring GHG (Nina Hemphill) • vi. FERC Licensing flow monitoring (John Shelton) • vii. Sierra NF, temperature monitoring by US Santa Barbara (need a knowledgeable volunteer) • viii. Stillwater Report (Shay Overton, P&P, B. Kamansky) <p>Chapter 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 12. 5 Opportunities for Proactive Collaboration – Need summaries documenting the occurrences of any of the 11 enumerated types forums for collaboration between IRWM process and land and water planning agency representatives. Please provide name or title of event or activity, the date(s) of occurrence, and agency and IRWM representatives involved, including between Valley IRWM and Mountain IRWM groups and subject(s) discussed and outcome(s), if any <p>ACTION: Deadline for additional comments, April 9th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed Update Requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter 13 – Stakeholder Involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bobby provided that there will be a new plan and some data and information for that. Jeannie Habben provided information on a status and document for a procedure for communication with tribes. ○ Chapter 15 – Climate Change – UC Merced noted that there will be two parts for the chapter, including information in the other chapters, and providing an update and synthesis of the data and models. That will need to include GHG reduction strategies, including fire, another will be to meet State reduction goals, 2050 carbon neutral. Another aspect will be to sequester additional carbon, such as with meadow restoration, and increases in carbon dioxide might increase tree growth. This leaves questions about streamflow and drought, fire in context and in need of additional projects and work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UC Merced reviewed the approach and provided references to three recent scientific papers which were published. ○ Chapter 16 – Disadvantaged Communities. Noted that at least 50% of Region is DAC. Need for long-term outreach and Knowledge-to-Action frameworks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bobby provided information regarding the current DAC efforts and the mapping associated with it to assist with the chapter. 	
2:40	Break	
2:55	Projects List and Presentations	Bobby

