**AGENDA | Regional Water Management Group Meeting**

***Southern Sierra IRWM Regional Water Management Group***

## Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District Office Conference Room

5469 E Olive Ave, Fresno, CA 93727

**Meeting Goals:**

* Discuss and approve projects, progress, funding and next steps for RWMG, including a new planning grant;
* Discuss the upcoming grants for project implementation for the Southern Sierra Region;
* Discuss projects and provide feedback to project proponents on integration, regional nature and competitiveness
* Discuss process for project implementation and approve proposals for submission and funding

 **Call in:** 1-605-475-2090 **Passcode:** 78530

| **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEM** | **PRESENTER(S)** |
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| 1:00 | **Welcome and Opening Remarks** | Bobby Kamansky, Kamansky’s Ecological Consulting |
| 1:05  | **Introductions, Agenda Review, goals and Ground Rules** | Nancy Bruce, Facilitator |
| 1:10  | **Project Updates*** National Forest Foundation Grant – Watershed action plans – review workgroups/advisors and inter-collaborative cooperation (meeting dates) – BK provided updates on complete
* Big Sandy Rancheria Leechfield Project Update (moved to end)
* Landscape Conservation Cooperative Funding (BK provided update on climate smart project list)
* Roles and responsibilities, task list and long-term funding
	+ Nancy – key legal entity, facilitation (new)
	+ Bethany – provide feedback and meeting facility
	+ Steve Haze -
	+ John Shelton – Review project ideas, chair project selection work group, participate/attend, stand-in meetings;
	+ Jared Takemoto – Facility for meetings, member, attend meetings, brainstorm project feedback Little/Big Dry Creek, key legal water management;
	+ Jessi Snyder – develop DAC proposal, and brainstorm DAC needs
	+ Elissa Brown – grants assistance;
	+ Dr. Mike Berber – assist with project data, assist SRCD, DWR Local Groundwater Assistance Program;
	+ Hazel Early – BSR, Project Proponent;
	+ Lugo Lieu – research on lake and river restoration, transport of contaminants, storm water management, assist SRCD, provide undergraduate and graduate students
	+ Nina – USFS represents largest landowner;
	+ Mary Beatie – P&P prepared plan, prepared grant application, project manager;
	+ Jeannie Habben – liaison to Madera, previously assisted with facilitation, preparing DAC, provided,
	+ Koren – facilitated the USFWS contract for project list and the UC Merced watershed budget, SEKI coordinated science symposium, participate in projects;
	+ Mohammad Safeeq – researcher, wrote part of planning grant application, project presentations, provide key planning tools;
	+ Dezaree Bagalayos – program coordinator, facilitate engagement of partners and funders, past: provided funding for initial planning grant application, website updates, regional conservation reports/riparian, integrate with SGMA;
	+ Richard Garcia – chair of water committee, participant in meetings, project proponent (new);
	+ Sequoia Riverlands Trust (project proponent)
* Outreach
	+ Website, social media (BK provided the admin for Facebook), website needs updating
	+ BK presentation to Sierra DWR Climate Change Workshop and SEKI Science Symposium
* Sequoia National Forest Meadow Projects Update
	+ 4-page document about meadow strategy
	+ key linkage
	+ NFWF will update business plan and will update
	+ State water action plan
	+ USFS – change in policy.
 | All, Steve HazeBSRBobby FacilitatorBobby, Steve, Dez B.Nina Hemphill |
| 1:45 |

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| **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. USFS new hydrologist indicated interest in the program and process. The nexus between land use and water planning as well as the integration between and among regions and the regional nature of the planning and implementation was emphasized in comments from Bobby, Steve, John. |

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| 1:50 | **Planning Grant Recommended for Funding*** Scope and timeline

Bobby provide a framework for the understanding of how the proposal works, the timeline **Proposition 1 Funding Update**Elissa Brown provided an over view of the grants relevant to forest and meadow restoration and collaboration and capacity building:🡪 the action items: allocate funding programs to current and potential grants and provide update on opportunities for project and collaboration funding. **DAC Funding solicitation in Mountain Counties and Tulare Lake Basin Funding Regions*** Jessi Snyder provided a “road show” for the Tulare Basin DAC proposal, group members asked questions, and
* Questions, answers and clarifications
	+ Two key comments: need for transparency and clarity on who does what and how selection for implementing staff are decided
	+ Program is on a re-imbursement basis, difficult hurdle for DACs
	+ Letter of support – use template, who sign, include some details about tribal representatives, need for budgetary details, draft letter with Julie, Steve, Bobby, Bobby can sign unless otherwise required.
 | P&P, Bobby, Steve, SRT, UC MercedElissa BrownBobby |
| 2:30 | **Projects List** * Call for 2017 Projects
* Project proponents present any new projects
	+ Springs condition, importance, location and sustainability
	+ Richard Garcia provided a written project description and it was projected on the screen and Bobby provided an overview.
	+ Nina provided information regarding the USGS maps providing
	+ ACTION: Bobby, Richard and Nina will discuss existing data and next steps to develop
	+ Data management tool (not discussed)
* Approval and resolution in support of Sierra Resource Conservation District Project Funding Proposals to the State Water Resources Control Board and San Joaquin River Conservancy for the San Joaquin River Little/Big Dry Creeks Conservation Planning Project
	+ Deliverables: Outreach to 600 landowners, recruit, establish a seedling operation on private forest lands, genetically viable seed stock
	+ ACTION: SWRCB grant due – January 17th – Steve reached out to Bethany Soto and she appears interested. Budget: $487,000, three years, draft Letter of Support.
	+ ACTION: SRC grant due – January 17th. Budget: $350,000? three-year study. Authorize SRCD/BK to pursue funding proposals.
 | Nancy BruceProject ProponentsSierra Club, Richard GarciaKate Gladstein, Sierra Water Work GroupSRCD, Steve Haze |
| 3:45 | **Watershed Connections Working Group** | All |
| 4:00 | **2016 Annual report, request for items** | Bobby, all |
| 4:15 | **Conclusion, Next Steps and Closing Remarks** | Nancy |
| 4:30 | ***Adjourn*** |  |

**Next Coordinating Committee Meetings:**

* February 10, 2017, 1 pm – 3:30 p.m., teleconference

**Next RWMG Meetings:**

* Thursday, March 9, 1:00-4:30, Visalia/Tulare

**Meeting Ground Rules**

1. Be comfortable
2. Humor is welcome
3. Stay focused on the group’s charge, deliverables, and agenda
4. Use common conversational courtesy
5. Share the air
6. Treat each other with respect
7. All ideas have value and will be documented
8. Avoid editorials
9. Honor time