

Southern Sierra IRWMP

Planning Meeting

March 17, 2010 1:00 - 4:30 pm

US Forest Service Office, Clovis

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Carole Clum – Tulare Co. Citizens for Responsible Growth
Irina Greener – Fresno Co.
Jeannie Habben – SRCD/Chowchilla/Fresno Watershed
Steve Haze – Sierra RCD
Terry Henry – Sequoia National Forest
Carolyn Hunsaker – USDA Forest Service PSW
Bob Puls – Tulare Co. RCD
Robert Robinson – Desert Mountain RC&D/Upper Kern River Watershed
John Shelton – Department of Fish and Game
Robyn Smith – Yosemite/Sequoia RC&D
Chris Stewart – Sequoia National Forest
K. Andy Stone – Sierra National Forest
Gary Temple – SRCD & SAFCA
Kyle Wright – Sequoia National Forest
Julie Allen – Facilitator, Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Elissa Brown – Project Grant Writer
Bobby Kamansky, Project Manager, Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Frances Tweed, Administration, Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Via Phone: Hilary Dustin – Sequoia Riverlands Trust

Meeting Notes by Agenda Item

○ Introductions

Julie Allen called the meeting to order at 1:10.

Julie introduced herself and everyone around the table did the same. Then those on the phone identified themselves.

○ Review of Minutes/Agenda

a. Julie asked if there were any additions or changes to this Agenda. There were none.

b. Julie asked if there were any changes to February's meeting's minutes

and there were none. Bobby moved to accept notes as draft and John Shelton seconded. All in attendance were in favor.

○ Administrative Report

- a. Bobby talked about the IRWMP website on the Sequoia Riverlands Trust website at www.sequoiariverlands.org.

Bobby passed out the Budget Recap, which was done by Debbie Bratt at SRT. There is no money left for Project Manager or facilitator positions. Julie Allen is donating her time.

Per Elissa, we can ask for 1 Million, which it looks like we'll do.

There's a non-state match.

Always count hours and mileage for meetings. John Shelton said that he can "match" on Fridays that are furlough days.

Elissa went over the DWR Application Timeline sheet. Better integrated resource management is one key new addition.

"Program Development" is Tasks 1 and 2; Determine budget and workplan and select data-sharing, collaboration-building and studies.

Bobby said that he will make sure that the brainstorm document from the last meeting (dot exercise) is on the website and with the notes.

○ **Major Topic(s)**

- a. Mission, Vision, Values - everyone read the two handouts provided. The Committee suggested items for "Values" and "Mission", which Julie wrote out on post-it sheets. Julie asked if there is anything on key words page that is not agreed upon. It was suggested to omit the planning and project implementation.
- b. Bobby passed out the Collaborative Planning Support Proposal. Andy Stone said he found more money than the \$65,000 mentioned in the proposal. Bobby asked for comments on the pre-proposal to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Carolyn Hunsaker, Andy Stone and Terry Henry will send changes to Bobby. Bobby wants acceptance of the "concept" of the pre-proposal to NFWF. All attendees agreed. Bobby said that all the details will be worked out by the end of next week. Steve Haze said that his organization received \$50,000 from the *Fresno Foundation*.
- c. Elissa passed out the Draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and Grant Guidelines sheet and went over it. There are no timeline/dates given in the PSP, but comments on the draft are due by April 23. Elissa said "grant writing is program development". We are not eligible for implementation

grants/funds until we do our IRWMP.

Elissa passed out the Budget Outline/Application Budget and went through each line item. There were changes made in several areas. She had three points: 1) Management of Project, 2) Additional Activities (dots exercise), 3) Writing the Plan.

○ Outreach and Communication

- a. Bobby will be having meetings with stakeholders who have not been able to attend Planning Committee Meetings e.g. Fresno Co., Community Services District, Department of Water Resources, Army Corps of Engineers, Sequoia National Forest, Auberry Water District, and the Tule River Tribe. Kings River area cannot make meetings. He said that surveys continue to come in.

Andy Stone said his Supervisor signed the MOU. Have we received? Bobby said no, so Andy will send to us.

Bobby said that Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks have a new Superintendent, who he will try to meet with. He will also try to see Deer Creek Hydro and Kings River Conservation District.

- b. Julie Allen said that the JPA meets at Provost and Pritchard in Visalia.
- c. Outreach and Membership - Bobby noted that we will be meeting with the Poso Creek to make sure that boundaries are defined.

○ Member and Area Reports

- John Shelton said that the Sierra Water Alliance will be meeting on April 1 at the State Capitol. John is going to CSU Water Work Group (2nd annual meeting). Kathy Wood is trying to put together a white paper. He will try to get Kathy to come to a Planning Committee meeting.
- Carole Clum read parts of an article from the Christian Science Monitor about a “New US Office takes a Fresh Approach to Carbon”, as well as from two Jack Cohen articles “Wildland-Urban Fire - a Different Approach” and “Reducing the Wildland Fire Threat to Homes: Where and How Much?”.

○ Public Comment

None

○ Calendar Update

- The next Planning Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21 at the Tulare County RMA office in Visalia from 1:00 to 4:30. The meeting in May will be in Clovis.
- Jeannie Habben said that Madera Co. will have its first meeting on the second Monday of each month. She was wondering if someone could attend from SS IRWM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40.

FLIP CHART NOTES FOR SSIRWMP PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 17, 2010

Note: These notes were taken during brainstorming re mission, values and vision for the SSIRWMP

VALUES

1. Mutual support
2. Sustainability—program viability, sustain our group and process; “steady state” for sustaining ourselves economically and ecologically; all public and private entities in one forum which we provide
3. System--- systemic approach, systemic sustainability
4. Integration
5. Collaboration---balanced, inclusive and open processes
6. Valuable to partners---data, information and knowledge sharing is a prime value SO IMPORTANT; lots of historical data, studies and monitoring results to share. Multiple user-friendly formats for different audiences. Good metadata with cautionary notes as needed.
7. Efficiency and effectiveness in communication and in sharing of data and information
8. Accessibility to different publics: information to be available in suitable formats for a variety of publics both online and in other formats
9. Public trust
10. Equity/fairness: in resolution of water conflict and in developing mutually beneficial approaches and results
11. Inclusive of all interests
12. Focus on areas of agreement, not areas of disagreement

MISSION

1. Resource generation---generate dollars
2. Info sharing ----education
3. Improving water quality and quantity
4. Leveraging organizational capacity

5. Promoting watershed health
6. Ecosystem sustainability
7. Social and economic benefits to local communities and region
8. Form partnerships
9. Improve quality of life
10. Communicate value of upper watersheds to others
11. Coordinate with adjacent IRWMP's
12. Keep local control/local decision-making---enhance local voices