



Regional Water Management Group
Monday, August 13, 2018 1:30 pm
Location: Chowchilla City Hall (Civic Center)

MINUTES

1. Open – Flag Salute

- Introductions – 1:34

Jeannie Habben – Admin Assistant

Tom Wheeler – Madera County BOS

Carl Janzen – Madera Irrigation District

Al Solis – S.E.M.C.U.

Stephanie Anagnoson – MC, Water & NR

Zaira Lopez – CA RWQCB

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD

Dario Dominguez– Madera County

Ken Bonesteel – QK

Jason Rogers– City of Chowchilla

Dave Merchen – City of Madera

Maria Herrera – Self Help Enterprises

Samantha Lopes – Farm Management Svcs

David Konno – Yosemite/Sequoia RC & DC

Vanessa Soto – Self Help Enterprises

2. Review & Approval – Agenda & Minutes

- July 09, 2018 – Minutes

- August 13, 2018 - Agenda

Carl J made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Al S second the motion; all voted; motion is carried unanimously.

Carl J made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes; Al S second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously

3. Public Comment –

- October 2-3, 2018 | 9-4 daily | River Ridge Ranch, Springville CA – A workshop on Water: How to repair gullies and bank your most essential resource. Presented by NRCS, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, River Ridge Institute Point Blue Conservation Science, and UC Cooperative Extension funded with a generous grant from the Stone Foundation.
- Yosemite Peace Symposium – A Gathering of Peacemakers will be presented at the Tenaya Lodge on October 26-27, 2018. They will have 12 breakouts in three tracks: Peace and the Environment; Peace and Our Youth; Peace and Human Dignity. Jeannie H and Steve Haze will be presenters at one of the Peace and the Environment break-out sessions.

New Business:

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

After discussion of the financials; with all debits and credits explained, Jason R made a motion to approve the Financial Report with no changes; Don R second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously. Tom W signed the invoice for Jeannie H.

5. Discussion - IRWM Plan Update

- Review draft to date

Ken B presented a draft for the work that has been completed on the Plan update. There was discussion on the new Objectives and the Project List. There are many corrections (grammatical) and sections missing or not yet completed. There also appears to be a confusion between SGMA and IRWM in the document and no reference to AB1249, which is an important addition for the Plan Update. Ken B requested that any changes and suggestions be submitted to him by two weeks, August 27.

Ken B distributed the Projects List and there was a discussion on how this group ranks projects. It was stated that we don't necessarily rank the Project List, the projects are ranked by grant needs or funding opportunities to match what is available. It was observed that out of the 80 projects listed, there were only three that were for Eastern Madera County Foothills; this needs to be corrected.

Ken B then distributed the Plan Objective list currently in the Plan with an additional table of the new Objectives based on the update. The group was asked to rank the new objectives "Low, Medium, or High" in need. The newly identified objectives are:

- Native American Tribes
 - Reduce energy consumption
 - Air resources strategies
 - Carbon sequestration
 - Adapt to changes in amount, intensity, timing, quality, and availability of runoff and recharge
- Incorporate DACI and DACTI reports
Sierra Water Workgroup is writing a "chapter" about the DACs in Eastern Madera County for the Plan Update to be used in the Plan Update. This is being written using the information from the surveys, phone calls, and workshops they held in July. This "chapter" could be used as part of the DAC section in the Plan Update or as an Addendum or Appendix to the Plan Update.

6. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- Mountain Counties Funding Area (MCFA)

The MCFA has been busy this month.

- Quarterly meeting

The Quarterly meeting was held in Sacramento to discuss the DAC funding that will be released soon, and the progress of the DAC meetings in each of the nine participating Regions. Jeannie H shared a print-out of the DWR PowerPoint showing their current schedule and requirements for the Implementation funding that will be out in 2019. Jeannie H also distributed a table showing the options discussed regarding options for applying for the Implementation Funding for the MCFA.

- MCFA Workshops

Sierra Institute, Sierra Water Workgroup, and the California Indian Environmental Alliance conducted three workshops in North Fork to survey the participants in Eastern Madera County. There were 20 in attendance at the Community meeting, 15 at the Water/Wastewater meeting, and 10- representing 6 tribes, at the Tribal meeting. The process was explained, surveys were completed, and discussions were had on the water needs in the area. This information will be used for the DACI/DACTI chapter in the Plan Update.

- San Joaquin Valley
 - Contracts with P & P and with SHE

The application for the San Joaquin Valley Funding Area was submitted to DWR. The DWR staff has concluded its review of our funding proposal and has recommended it for approval. The grant administrator is working on a template sub-agreement for all parties that will be receiving funding through this program. CCWD will be serving as the grantee through a grant agreement with DWR. To distribute funding to project proponents; they will need to enter into an agreement with each agency to distribute the funds and specify terms of that local project sponsor relationships. Madera Region will be using Provost & Pritchard and Self-Help Enterprises to do the on the ground work for the needs assessments. They each submitted their contracts for this group to review and sign. Chairperson, Tom W signed both contracts. These will go back to these organizations to begin work when DWR approves the final proposal and agrees to release the funds.

Old Business:

7. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management - SGMA

The Madera Sub-Basin group are continuing their weekly TAC meetings. With the assistance from Self-Help Enterprises, they held a Public Groundwater Workshop at the Senior Center on August 2. They will have their next public meeting on October 18.

On July 18, the Chowchilla sub basin held their third Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, GSP Preparation, Technical Meeting. At this meeting they reviewed the basin setting and sustainability goals and discussed the concepts of undesirable results, minimum thresholds, and measurable objectives.

The Delta -Mendota group met, and they decided to use the 2013 water budget year (pre-drought) to base their decisions.

8. Report – Implementation Grant Project Updates

- Round I – Arundo/Silt Removal Project

The nesting season is over September 1 and the biologists are surveying and going to report to DFW when it is safe to continue the work in the waterways/canals. The sand project is left, the Arundo part of the project is completed. The County Staff is working on outreach to get the word out to all the landowners in the area that the sand is free of charge to take and it is just a simple over the counter permit.

9. Discussion - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG

Jeannie H sent the updated application packet to Triangle T/Red Top for their review. There has been no response.

10. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, September 10, 2018 - 1:30 pm

Madera County Government Center, 200 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA, 559-675-7703

11. Future Agenda Items:

No future additional items

12. Action Items/Adjourn: 2:47pm

- Send to ken –
 - Two contracts
 - Review Plan Update Draft and send
- Note to Dario on lack of Mountain projects
 - Send signed contracts to P & P and SHE