



Regional Water Management Group

Monday, March 12, 2018 1:30 pm

Location: Madera County Government Center

200 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637, 559-675-7703

Located on Gateway Drive and 4th Street.

Meeting is in 4th floor Conference room

MINUTES

1. Open – Flag Salute

- Introductions – 1:31

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford Water Dist.

Doug Welch – Chowchilla Water District

Ahmad Alkhayyat – Madera County

Carl Janzen – Madera Irrigation District

Julia Berry – Root Creek Water District

Al Solis – S.E.M.C.U.

Maria Herrera - Self Help Enterprises

Zaira Lopez – CA RWQCB

Dario Dominguez– Madera County

Ken Bonesteel – QK

Sal Alhomedí – Self Help Enterprises

Sean Smith – Madera Irrigation District

Tom Wheeler – Madera County, BOS

2. Review & Approval – Agenda & Minutes

- February 12, 2018 – Minutes

- March 12, 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 –

- CARCD is being recommended for the full \$10 million dollars requested to assist landowners in removing dead and dying trees in the High Mortality Areas of the Sierra Nevadas. CARCD will be coordinating with over 35 partners including local RCDs to assist the hard-hit landowners. The first call was held last week for the discussion as to how to roll this funding out in the 10 counties that this covers.
- CalFire and the University of California Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Reforestation Workshop to provide information and resources to help understand and access resources for reforestation and replanting after tree mortality will be on March 16 in Mariposa. These workshops will be from 9am to 4pm. There is no cost for the workshop. Register at <http://ucanr.edu/reforestationworkshop/>
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy is holding a free 2-day Grant Writing Workshop on March 22 and 23. It will be at the North Fork CDC Office at the old Mill Site. Contact Sarah McIntyre at sarah.mcintyre@maderacountylibrary.org
- 18 California Tribal Water Summit is an event designed to address a wide array of issues, regarding concerns from the upper watershed to the downstream beneficiaries, between the State of California agencies and California Native American Tribes. The purpose of this Summit is to continue the collaboration between Tribes and the State by including Tribal perspectives and contributions into the California Water Plan Update. It will be from Wednesday, April 4 2018, 8:30 AM to Thursday, April 5, 2018, 4:00 PM at the McClellan Conference Center, 5411 Luce Avenue, McClellan Park, CA.

- The next Madera County Agriculture Round Table is on March 16, 2018 from 11:00 to 1:00. It will be held at the Madera County Farm Bureau office and lunch will be provided by Agriworld Cooperative. This month's discussion will include a presentation on trespassing by the Madera County Sheriff's Department.

New Business:

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals
After discussion AI S made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented; Carl J second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously
5. Discussion and Action – Meeting Day Change
There will be no change of the meeting day the original issue for the change was resolved, this can be removed from the agenda.
6. Discussion - IRWM Plan Update
The first invoice was received from QK, since the amount was approved with the original contract, no vote is required to pay the invoice. The Project List was discussed, and Doug W stated that CWD chose to keep projects numbered 56, 57, and 58 on the list. QK has received some new projects, and they are requesting all new projects by the April 9 meeting; as well as the agency contact person.
7. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding
 - Mountain Counties
Jeannie H has been working with Sierra Institute on behalf of the Mountain County Funding Area. She completed an assigned DAC Involvement Mapping Exercise to identify community groups or “Block” groups in the region. By using the ARC GIS program, she found 11 block groups in the Eastern Madera County Area for this process. She also did the same for the Southern Sierra IRWM. These block groups will tell Sierra Institute where they may want to set-up their DAC outreach meetings. The next MCFA meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27 from 9:00 to 11:00.
 - San Joaquin Valley
 - Discussion and Action – Participation Letter
Carl J provided an update and a draft scope of work from Self Help Enterprises. Another scope of work will be the P & P meter assessment. All the regions were represented at the SJVFA meeting except for Merced. They discussed working with Woodward & Curran as the consultants. At the meeting they discussed details such as the Proposal Work Plan, Funding Distribution, the Schedule and the Framework for Collaboration.

The letter for Support of the SJFA Application for DAC Involvement Funding was presented to the group. After discussion, AI S made a motion sign the letter as presented and send it to Desiree at DWR; Dan R. second the motion; all voted, and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Discussion – Madera RWMG Website
On hold for the future.

Old Business:

9. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management - SGMA
Sunday, March 11 through Saturday, March 17 is National Groundwater Awareness Week.

An annual observance established to highlight the responsible development, management, and use of groundwater. The event is also a platform to encourage yearly water well testing and well maintenance to prevent waterborne illnesses.

The Chowchilla Subbasin GSP Advisory Committee met on March 7. Doug W. provided an update on Chowchilla Subbasin Consultant Report. He stated that they received the Preliminary Chowchilla Subbasin Water Budget and the values presented in this presentation are preliminary and based on the data available at this time. As additional data becomes available the Chowchilla Subbasin Water Budget will be revised. The report stated that the historic outflows, covering the last 26 years, was approximately 95k ac/ft and the historic inflows were about 25k to 30k ac/ft. When reviewing the change in storage (inflows – outflows = overdraft) the estimation of overdraft is approximately -66,100 ac/ft per year.

10. Report – Grant Updates

- Round I - Implementation Projects

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has provided the final signed agreement for the programmatic permit. The required Biological Survey will be completed this week.

Landowners now need to sign-up for free sand removal. Members of this group is asked to pass the word that this is now available.

11. Discussion - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG

No suggestions made at this meeting.

12. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, April 9, 2018 - 1:30 pm

Location: Raley's Supermarket – Community Room; 40041 CA-49, Oakhurst

Directions: Highway 41 to Highway 49. The shopping center is located on the North/West corner of the intersection. The Community Room is in the back of the store next to the Pharmacy

13. Future Agenda Items:

- Remove Number 5 – Meeting Change Date
- Add Review new projects

14. Action Items/Adjourn: