



Regional Water Management Group **Monday, May 14, 2018 1:30 pm** **Chowchilla City Hall (Civic Center)**

MINUTES

1. Open – Flag Salute

- Introductions – 1:34

Jeannie Habben – Admin Assistant

Tom Wheeler – Madera County BOS

Doug Welch – Chowchilla Water District

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– Chowchilla, City

Mark Hutson – Red Top Water District

Dave Merchen – City of Madera

Sal Alhamedi – Self Help Enterprises

Anourack Khampraseuth - MID

2. Review & Approval – Agenda & Minutes

- April 9, 2018 – Minutes

- May 14, 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 will receive \$10 million dollars 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 to assist the hard-hit landowners. They have decided to go through the NRCS/USDA EQIP process to distribute the funds. They are working on the particulars for the process and the funds should be available in October 2018.
- The May Ag Roundtable has been cancelled as well as the Madera RCD and the Sierra RCD meetings.
- Introduction of Stephanie Anagnoson as the new Director of Water and Natural Resources for the County; she gave a brief description of her background.

New Business:

4. Discussion and Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

After discussion of the financials; with all debits and credits explained, Carl J made a motion to approve the Financial Report with no changes; Al S second the motion; all voted; motion is passed unanimously

5. Discussion - IRWM Plan Update

- Review New Projects
Ken B brought the updated list of projects for the Plan Update; the list shows 70 pending projects. It was requested that County Staff send the Red Top Water District projects

that had been submitted to the County to QK to be added to the list. Ken B will send this list to Jeannie H digitally so that she can send it out to the whole group for review.

Ken B brought a print-out of tables produced by QK for the group to review. A discussion ensued regarding “statutory authority” and what makes a group a voting member. With no conclusion met, Tom W stated that a committee will need to be formed to decide this. The tables were lacking headers, so Ken B stated he would send the completed/corrected tables to Jeannie H to re distribute via the email list.

There were several surveys answered by Jeannie H asking questions regarding the progress of each RWMG/IRWM Plan Update. Out of the 40 IRWMs surveyed, only two have submitted their plan for review.

Implementation Grant Update

The Prop 1 Implementation Grant round for 2018/2019 is out soon if not already. The draft PSP will be out late June 2018. There will be three public meetings for comment and concept held during August 2018. The final PSP out by the Fall of 2018. Pre-application workshops will begin in November 2018 with the Round 1 applications due January 2019. Round 1 grant awards will be in 2019 and Round 2 will be in 2020. Early 2019 the final awards and grant agreement execution. The Key elements that will be required in the applications for projects are:

- Must address the goals of the State Water Action Plan
- Must address Climate Change
- Should increase regional water security
- Should meet the most critical needs of the IRWM
- Should be “ready” ie, have CEQA in place, match funding secured, etc.
- Application for Plan Update submitted for review before the application is filed and the Plan Update approved before contract is signed.

6. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- Mountain Counties

Sierra Institute (SI) requested a list of contact names to begin the DAC interviews and set-up the meetings in the foothills. SI has identified 10 block groups in Eastern Madera County and will arrange three meetings to outreach to each of these areas. In June they will be meeting with the Tribal entities of the Yosemite/Mariposa, North Sacramento, and Madera Tribes to discuss Tribal Water/Wastewater Needs. Then in July, SI will be completing two workshops combining Madera with the Southern Sierra IRWM. The first will be the Community Capacity Assessment workshop and the second is the Water/Wastewater System needs workshop. Jeannie H will notify the group when dates and locations for these meetings are available.

- San Joaquin Valley

As of the PSP Proposal state conference call on May 4, it was announced that a draft plan for the San Joaquin Valley/River Funding Area was submitted to DWR. This was the last in the state. Once the plan is accepted by DWR each region within the funding area will receive \$148,000 to complete their needs assessments. Self Help Enterprises will be one of the groups working on the needs assessment in this area.

7. Discussion – Madera RWMG Website

This will remain on the agenda. Stephanie A. will research the options available to the group and the cost to create and maintain a website – both single standing and with it connected to the County website.

Old Business:

8. Report – Sustainable Groundwater Management - SGMA

The County of Madera/Chowchilla Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Advisory Committee (County White Areas) will be meeting on May 16, at 6:00pm at the County Government Center. DWR will be present to give a presentation on Groundwater Sustainability Education for the landowners in the white areas.

On May 30 at 2:00, the Chowchilla Sub-basin GSP Advisory Committee will be meeting at the Chowchilla Water District to discuss the budgets of GSAs in the Chowchilla basin.

Jeannie H has been working with individuals from the College of Continuing Education from Sacramento State who are doing research on SGMA. They are looking for the link with Resource Conservation Districts and the white areas in SGMA.

9. Report – Grant Updates

- Round I – Arundo/Silt Removal Project

This project is on hold indefinitely while there is water in sloughs and it is nesting season for raptors in the area.

10. Discussion - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG

Mark H expressed interest in his group, the Red Top/Triangle T Water District, becoming a member of the RWMG. Jeannie H will send the membership packet to him for his groups review.

11. Next Meeting Location and Time – Monday, June 11, 2018 - 1:30 pm

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

12. Future Agenda Items:

No new items requested.

13. Action Items/Adjourn: 2:54

- JH - Send membership packet to Red Top/Triangle T Water District
- JH - Invoice to Tom for signature
- QK - Send project list
- QK - Send updated tables
- JH – SGMA Brochure (from Chow RT RCD) to Stephanie A
- JH – All meeting calendars to Stephanie A
- JH – Add Stephanie A to all email lists
- Dario D – Send Red Top Water District Projects to QK to be added to the list