



Regional Water Management Group

LOCATION: Online (ZOOM)

MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2024, 1:30 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm, by Bobby Macaulay, temporary chairperson.

Those present included:

Al Solis – SEMCU

Aleta Allen – Madera County

Allison Medley – Madera County

Amy Siliznoff – Madera/Chowchilla RCD

Becky Horn – Triangle T WD

Bobby Macaulay – Madera County

Carl Janzen – Madera ID

Dina Nolan – Madera ID

Don Roberts – Gravelly Ford WD

Fahed Mosleh – Madera County

Gretchen Heisdorf – Root Creek WD

Jack Rice – MAWA

Jacob Roberson – RWMG Coordinator

Jason Rogers – City of Chowchilla

Jeannie Habben – Madera County

Jon Cottingham – Coarsegold RCD

Judy Quinn – YSPUC

Keith Helmuth – City of Madera

Kevin Sischo – Madera County

Leticia Tapia – Madera County

Phil Janzen – Madera WD

Roy Catania – Alviso WD GSA

Steve Brannon – YSPUC

Tukta Phetasa – Madera County

2. Review & Approval - Agenda & Minutes

- A motion to approve the September minutes and October agenda was made by Gretchen H; Phil J second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

- Items of interest were mentioned by Jacob R (for more information, reach out to Jacob):
 - The Madera County Multibenefit Lan Repurposing Program is currently accepting pre-application proposals through November 24th.
 - The DWR has released the Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Groundwater Conditions Update.
- Bobby M added that the Climate Bond is on the November 4th ballot, and this bond does include some funding for IRWMP. Jacob mentioned that the bond is Prop 4 on the ballot.

4. Discussion & Action - Financial Report/Warrant Approvals

- October 2024 Financial Report
 - Jacob R reported that there were no incoming or outgoing expenses for the month. We started and ended the month with \$39,802.40.
 - Jacob added that he is working with the City of Madera on getting checks sent out for unpaid invoices. It will not use up all of the funds, but it will use up most of it. Jacob also mentioned that invoices for 2024 Membership Dues will be mailed out.

- Bobby M asked when we are expecting for dues to be paid for this year, and Jacob mentioned hopefully before the end of the year. We usually send out the invoices in January, but due to the change in accounting functions, this was delayed due to not having a way to receive in checks. Jacob also added that invoices for the 2025 Membership Dues will be mailed out in January.
 - Bobby also asked if we are double billing members, and Jacob mentioned sort of, but we have not collected dues for 2024 yet.
 - Gretchen H asked if a memo will be sent along with the 2024 Membership Dues invoice explaining the delay in sending out the invoices and also the 2025 Membership Dues invoice being sent out early next year, and Jacob mentioned he will include a memo with the invoices explaining all of that.
- A motion to approve the October financial report was made by Gretchen H; Jack R second; all voted; Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion – Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Funding

- San Joaquin Valley
 - Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program / Chowchilla Management Zone
 - Becky H commented that they are continuing to get a few applications for well testing. They did attend and participate in a One-Stop Shop last week with other health care participants. They had a booth setup and had some good discussions with attendees.
 - They are also continuing to work with Self-Help Enterprises. They referred a person to SHE who's well went dry in Chowchilla. They are hoping SHE can help this home owner, whether it's a permanent or temporary solution.

6. Discussion – Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding

- San Joaquin Valley Counties
 - City of Madera
 - Keith H mentioned that one of the projects is completed. The other project is being awarded this week, so construction will begin soon. This project should be completed within the next 3 – 5 months.
 - City of Chowchilla
 - Jason R commented that their project is continuing towards the finish line. They are expecting to have this project completed before the end of the year.

7. Discussion – SGMA Implementation Grant

- Gretchen H reported for the various projects going on under this grant:
 - Grant administration continues. Progress Report & Pay Request information for the previous quarter is being submitted by the projects for review and submittal to DWR
 - No new status information for the other projects.

8. Discussion – Drought Working Group

- No new update provided.

9. Discussion – Hidden Lakes Water Storage Tanks and Fill Line Project

- Fahed M reported that this project is moving forward really well. They are roughly 65% complete with the project. They are still predicting the project to be completed in early December.
 - Bobby M asked how the traffic mitigation is going for this project, and Fahed mentioned that this was a concern before the project had begun, but there has not been a single complaint regarding traffic delays since the project started.

10. New/Suggested Members for the Madera RWMG

- No new members suggested.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Jacob R mentioned that the Madera RWMG 2025 Budget and Madera RWMG 2025 Meeting Calendar will be on the November meeting agenda for review and approval.

12. Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024, on Zoom

13. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 pm.