

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2014

Regional Water Management Group (A-team)
MINUTES - Thursday, February 20, 2014

BLM Eagle Lake Field Office
2950 Riverside Drive
Susanville CA 96130
Conference Room
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

1. Meeting Opening

Tim Keesey called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

2. Meeting Members

Interim Board Members: Aaron Brazzanovich, Dan Newton, Tim Keesey, Joe Egan
IRWMP Advisement Members: Eric Peitz, Ramesy Wood, David Lile, Shane Dyer and Ian Sims

3. Memorandum of Understanding

A discussion of the MOU was planned per meeting agenda. Lassen County has yet to formally approve the MOU therefore an MOU formal signing has been postponed until further notice. Lassen County plans to approve the MOU at their March 11th board meeting

4. Progress Report

Dyer Engineering Consultants (DEC) presented the IRWMP progress report to update the RWMG of the plan status. DEC detailed the following:

- IRWMP Website Update: Meetings(times, locations, agendas, minutes), GIS Maps and supporting materials
- IRWMP Section Updates: Table of Contents, DAC/Public Outreach Plan, Introduction, Governance, Objectives and Resource Management Strategies are all completed pending draft approval. Region Description is at 90% draft completion pending rural waste water information.
- Technical Studies Initiated:
 - Climate Change Analysis: Study has been initiated
 - Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP): Assembling existing data
 - DAC Water Supply, Quality and Flooding Evaluation: Initiated in coordination with IRWM planning process
 - Integrated Flood Management: Compiling existing flood management plans

5. Project Applications

Shane Dyer and Ian Sims (DEC) presented a new project application, a one step application versus a previous two step application. All projects, regardless of level of readiness will go through the same

project review process to allow all projects an opportunity to gain the highest level of readiness by the end of the process. Therefore, there will not be a two-stepped process. Also, considering our timeline a two step process stresses the plan deadline.

A discussion was initiated covering the need of ranking potential projects. Each funding program has its own priorities and preferences and it will be important to ensure that the projects selected are appropriately matched to the funding program. In another words, let DWR's Project Solicitation Package (PSP) set the funding guidelines and not rank the projects internally within the Lahontan Basins IRWMP.

6. Reorganize DAC/Public Outreach Discussion

DEC initiated a discussion to better approach the DAC/Public/Stakeholder Outreach. It was suggested to approach the outreach by attending all the Public Utility District, Community Services District meetings in the rural areas to address and reach as many stakeholders as possible. It was decided that this approach would be a better use of time and resources correlated with the greatest participation possible.

7. Objectives Review:

A discussion was initiated to review and potentially rank the Lahontan Basins IRWMP objectives. The RWMG collectively structured what objectives were of highest priority. These ranked objectives will be further reviewed by the RWMG and soon be approved once the MOU is solidified.

8. Wrap Up/Discussion

A discussion was initiated to when the next RWMG meeting would be held. It was decided that the RWMG will hold off on scheduling the next RWMG meeting until known status of Lassen County's approval of the MOU.

DEC reminded the RWMG of the Susanville IRWMP Public Workshop that is scheduled for March 12th 2014 from 2-4pm in the Susanville Fire Department.

MEETING HANDOUTS:

- Agenda
- Sign In Sheet
- IRWMP Progress Report
- IRWMP Project Application
- IRWMP MOU
- Lahontan Basins IRWMP Brochure
- IRWMP Objectives

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