

# Meeting Minutes

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**August 14, 2014**

Regional Water Management Group (A-team)  
MINUTES - Thursday, August 14, 2014

USDA Service Center  
170 Russell Avenue, Suite C  
Susanville CA 96130  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**1. Meeting Opening:**

Dyer Engineering Consultants, Inc. (DEC) called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

**2. Meeting Members:**

Jared Hancock	Dan Newton	Joe Egan
Willis Dow	Mike Thrush	Tim Keeseey
Jesse Claypool	John Richards	Shane Dyer
Ian Sims		

**3. Memorandum of Understanding:**

The MOU has been finalized and an inked copy has been delivered to each party of the RWMG

**4. Climate Change Analysis:**

The Climate Change Analysis is still under revisions presented by members of the RWMG. Jared Hancock COS voiced various edits throughout the document. A few RWMG members recommended redrafting the climate change. The group voiced that the document seems to be more of a regional assessment rather than a preferred localized study.

DEC will make the necessary edits as voiced by the RWMG and present a new draft Climate Change Analysis by the next RWMG meeting.

**5. IRWMP Outlook:**

Surprise Valley Incorporation:

Dick Mackey representing the Surprise Valley RCD and Stacey Hafen from the North Cal-Neva RC&D listened in the on RWMG meeting via conference call. They presented their thoughts of incorporating the Surprise Valley region into the Lahontan Basins.

DEC was approached by DWR and the Upper Pit IRWM and asked if the Lahontan Basins IRWM would be interested in incorporating the Surprise Valley region into the Lahontan Basins IRWM Planning process. Surprise Valley is located in the northeastern corner of the state and is not included in any IRWM Planning region at the moment. The funding source for all IRWM's is Proposition 84

which has been depleted of all remaining planning allocations resulting in no additional funding for the planning of this newly incorporated region. DEC brought this information to the RWMG for their consideration of incorporating Surprise Valley into Lahontan Basins IRWM.

The RWMG decided to not include the Surprise Valley into the Lahontan Basins IRWMP at this time. The main reason for this decision is the lack of funding involved to re-open the current plan to include the Surprise Valley region. The RWMG stated that the Surprise Valley would need a full water resources assessment which would require a significant amount of work.

The RWMG would be willing to include the Surprise Valley in the Lahontan Basins IRWM region as a formality so when future IRWM planning funds are made available, Surprise Valley will be positioned to receive planning dollars.

#### Lahontan Region Proposed Prop. 84 Split

DEC presented a drafted letter from all IRWM's in the Lahontan funding region to the RWMG. This letter entails a proposed split of the remaining funds of Prop. 84 amongst all the IRWM regions of the Lahontan funding region. This proposed split was discussed among the group which was in agreement. The RWMG had an issue however, regarding the addressee of the letter. They are concerned about how DWR feels about this, as the agreement is addressed to Ms. Tracie Billington at DWR. They voiced concern that DWR will not like this approach as this program was originally designed to be a competitive grant process and this agreement makes it non-competitive.

On August 12th 2014 DEC met with DWR Executive Gary Bardini, Deputy Director of Integrated Water Management, on behalf of the Lahontan Basins IRWMP and the Lahontan IRWM Region. Discussions included:

- How the Lahontan IRWM Region worked together during Prop. 84 Round 2
- The Lahontan IRWM Region's commitment to work together in subsequent rounds
- The Region conveyed a strong desire for equitable local management of grant funds and move away from a strict competitive environment.
- Gary Bardini and Tracie Billington (DWR) were in agreement with the Lahontan IRWM Regions approach of splitting the remaining prop. 84 funds as allocated in the Inter-Regional agreement.

These discussions were presented to the RWMG. It was then decided that the group would sign the letter agreeing to the proposed prop. 84 funding allocations.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joe Egan, LIC
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Willis Dow, HLV RCD
<b>AYES:</b>	Joe Egan LIC, Willis Dow HLVRCD, Dan Newton COS

**ABSENT:**

Stacy Dixon, SIR

City of Susanville Implementation Grant Management Letter

A discussion was initiated by Tim Keeseey (RCD) at the 7/10/14 RWMG regarding the future allocation of grant funds in regards to IRWMP projects. He voiced that the RCD would not have the funds to cover the allocation of project funding pending DWR reimbursement. He suggested for another agency with greater cash flow to manage the project implementation grant funds for the IRWMP.

The RCD brought this concern back to a discussion at the 8/14/14 RWMG meeting. The RCD voiced that they may be able to handle a portion of the grant management. The RWMG mentioned that they would consider this motion once the IRWMP implementation phase draws near.

## MEETING HANDOUTS:

- RWMG Agenda
- Progress Report
- City of Susanville Implementation Grant Management Letter
- Surprise Valley IRWM Update
- Lahontan IRWM Region, Allocation of Prop. 84 Funds, Agreement Letters

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