



Minutes for Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Meeting

Location: Semitropic Water Storage District's Office

Meeting Date and Time: **Tuesday, April 2, 2019; Noon – 2 PM**

Attendees are welcome to call in to this public meeting on a conference line.

Phone **(888) 806-5025** Participant Code **738207**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call-** The meeting was called to order by Ram Venkatesan, attendees signed in on the attendance log at the entryway.
2. **Agenda Modifications -** The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) may modify the regular agenda by making corrections, tabling items, adding urgency items to the agenda or changing the order in which items are considered. -None.
3. **Public Comment -** Any member of the public may address the RWMG relating to any non-agenda matter within the Poso Creek IRWM Plan Region. The RWMG is not responsible for the content or accuracy of statements made by members of the public. – None.
4. **Introductions and Recognition of Guests -**Introductions were initiated by Ram Venkatesan.
5. **Activity Summary and Acceptance of previous meeting Minutes-** March meeting minutes were not approved at this time. The group will vote to approve them at the next meeting.
6. **Discussion Topics and Status Reports**
 - a. Poso Creek IRWM Plan List of Projects by Entity and DAC Needs- No projects were submitted to be considered for the IRWM Plan List of Projects.
 - b. Update on activity through the Project Advisory Committee for the DAC Involvement Program in the Tulare-Kern Funding Area (TKFA DACIP), administered through Tulare County- Christine Gutierrez discussed the two DAC projects the group voted to submit for project application cost reimbursement funds. Both projects, Lost Hills Well No.3 and Richgrove Water Project, were accepted by the DACIP PAC and were allocated \$15,000 each for application cost reimbursement. The group will have opportunity to submit projects for the remaining \$220,000 at the next two DACIP meetings, which will occur on June 13th and August 15th. At the August 15th meeting, the additional \$250,000 regional funds will be distributed on a competitive basis. Additionally, Frank Ohnesorgen submitted a project application form for Pond Poso School for water treatment plant service. Additional information is required from the TKFA DACIP before the group can make a decision on this project. The Group agreed to submit Richgrove CSD Water Tank and Well Project and the Delano Sphere of Influence Consolidation Study project for funding.



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- c. DWR Draft PSP for Prop 1 and proposed schedule of events- The draft PSP has not yet been released by DWR. The current scheduled date for the DWR workshop is April 24th. Sam Schaefer and Christine Gutierrez will be submitting Project Information Forms on behalf of the group to present at the workshop. The group has also agreed to invite all interested parties and stakeholders. Additionally, a member of the IRWM group will attend as a representative.
 - d. Project selection discussion for Prop 1 and DAC Needs Assessment funding- Sam Schaefer discussed the project the group previously agreed to submit for Round one funding. As for the DAC Needs Assessment funding, Sam Schaefer and colleagues met with Maria Herrera from Self-Help Enterprises to discuss the Needs Assessment finds for the Poso Creek IRWM Region. Christine Gutierrez will distribute the discussed materials to the group via email. The group will have an opportunity to review these materials and provide feedback to Self-Help on their findings.
 - e. Federal funding FOAs and submitted/proposed district projects- Sam Schaefer relayed the various projects submitted for federal funding in the month of March. Other federal funding available are due on November 1st and December 1st through CalFed.
 - f. IRWM Plan update – schedule (DWR funding under contract with NK)- GEI is still in the process of reviewing the plan update. No new information is available at this time.
 - g. Drought Contingency Plan (pending agreement by reclamation through SWID) – status of work activity and schedule update- Through call in meeting with Reclamation, \$25,000 will be allocated to start the project.
 - h. Other items and concerns- Marcus Perez from NRCS discussed available water programs available for the districts. Mr. Perez discussed the new Farm Bill, which facilitates infrastructure improvement programs. Funding under this new bill now allows NRCS to work directly through the districts. Regarding DAC projects, the USDA has water and wastewater loan and grant programs available. Mr. Perez will coordinate with Sam Schaefer to facilitate further information on this discussion to the group.
7. **Funding Opportunities**
- a. State: Round of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation and DAC Needs Assessment
8. **Anticipated Action Items; additional items to be added at the workshop/meeting**
- IRWM Plan Update review, report, and invoicing with DWR
 - Continue to coordinate with the TKFA DACIP and Needs Assessment- Christine Gutierrez will develop a list of DAC projects for the group to consider for the remaining DAC Project Development funds per Isela Medina's request.
 - Reclamation Agreement regarding Drought Contingency Plan
 - Poso Creek IRWM Plan project selection for IRWM Imp funding application



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- Submit Project Information Forms for DWR workshop
9. **Suggested Date and Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting:** Next scheduled date for a regular public meeting or special workshop to be held June 2019, since ACWA Conference is in May.
 10. **Adjournment**

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