



Agenda for Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Meeting

Location: Semitropic Water Storage District's Office

Meeting Date and Time: **Tuesday, August 7th, 2018; Noon – 2 PM**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order, 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 Dana Munn, Chairman.
5. **Activity Summary and Acceptance of previous meeting Minutes** – Ram Venkatesan moved to accept the minutes, Isela Medina seconded, motion passed.
6. **Discussion Topics and Status Reports**
 - a. Budget, 2018 summary of activity – Sam Schaefer and Isela provided an update of the Group's 2018 budget. The budget for the year was \$30,000 and Semitropic WSD conducted a cash call. The Group's current expenditures to date total \$17,000 meaning that \$13,000 remains for the rest of the year.
 - b. Modify letter of approval identifying representation for the Project Advisory Committee for the DAC IRWM Involvement Program as part of the Tulare Basin, administered through Tulare County – Sam Schaefer and Vanessa Yap discussed replacing Sam Schaefer as a PAC alternate with Vanessa Yap. Vanessa Yap and Frank Ohnesorgen discussed what has been conducted in the past TK DACIP PAC meetings including the allocated project funding, roughly \$250,000 per IRWM, and the schedule to start discussing projects in March 2019. Dave Hampton moved to accept Vanessa Yap as the IRWM Group PAC alternate, seconded by Ram Venkatesan, the motion passed.
 - c. Summary of active projects funded in 2016, 2017, and 2018. – Sam Schaefer discussed the current list of active projects for the group. The project list was



in the “Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Activity and Correspondence for June – July 2018.” Ram Venkatesan suggested to identify the agenda item number on each exhibit for the Group to easily reference documents.

- d. **Project List discussion; future IRWM funding, application in 2019.**
Sam Schaefer discussed the overall Poso Creek IRWM Plan Project List provided as a handout dating back to 2015. Sam Schaefer requested that the Group provide feedback for their specific list of projects to ensure the Plan captures everything to date. Dana Munn pointed out that SWID’s Drought Contingency Plan was not on the list. Isela Medina requested the Project List dates to the beginning of the Poso Creek RWMG. Sam Schaefer asked Dave Warner to summarize the preliminary list of DAC projects to the Group. Dave Warner discussed potential DAC projects for South Shafter and noted that the State is taking applications for sewage hookups which Carlos Bravo (SHE) is writing an application for South Shafter. Dave Warner (SHE) stated that the City of Shafter needs to be able to provide adequate pressure and supply to connect with the community and that this project could potentially provide both regional supply and clean water to community. Joe Heide (SHE) who works with Sierra Vista informed the group that since there are 13 houses in the Sierra Vista community, SHE is looking at the potential to tie in with other communities in the area such as Pond or Agbayani. Engineers reports on both Sierra Vista and South Shafter have been conducted. Isela Medina asked what needs to officially be done to accept the projects into Poso Plan. Vanessa Yap mentioned that the DAC projects for South Shafter and Sierra Vista are incorporated as part of the preliminary DAC list presented to the Group and that SHE has submitted a PDCF for both projects.
- e. **IRWM Plan Update – Schedule (DWR funding under contract with NK).**
Vanessa Yap and Sam Schaefer discussed the plan update schedule to be completed by January 2019. Isela Medina asked how the DWR reviewers checked the Plan chapters and Vanessa Yap explained that DWR has a checklist to state whether the Plan meets the 2016 guideline requirements. Isela Medina suggested referencing any future work such as GSP’s that provide relevant information. Sam Schaefer asked the Group to work on obtaining DEID’s boundary shapefile so that the RWMG boundaries can be updated. Dave Hampton suggested sending the completed chapters out to everyone in the Group to review.
- f. **Drought Contingency Plan (Pending Agreement by Reclamation through SWID) – status of work activity and schedule update.** Sam Schaefer update the group that the agreement with Reclamation still has not been signed due to issues with the local cost share portion. The Group asked the consultants to determine what is eligible for cost share and see if the districts can come up with work to match. The Group suggested that another look is needed to



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gauge the monetary effort for the DCP and whether it is in-fact a \$400,000 project. Get ideas at next meeting.

7. **Funding Opportunities**

- a. State: 2015 AgWUE funds, DAC Inv., IRWM Planning and Implementation. –

Sam Schaefer and Dave Warner discussed DAC's are eligible for certain grants however, funding and implementation are a lengthy process. Isela Medina asked about storm water funding, which Sam Schaefer and Dana Munn replied is highly tailored towards urban projects. Buena Vista WSD and SWID combined application did not receive storm water funds last time, but the BVWSD project was still built. Dave Warner mentioned Prop 68 funding and Prop 3 sewer and water funding which will be on November's ballot.

- b. Federal: Reclamation programs: WaterSMART Drought Resiliency, District/Farmer Partnership, CalFED AgWUE, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, and Drought Bill. Awards from 2018 applications are in process of being signed by Reclamation.

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 Tulare Basin Group for DAC Involvement and Needs Assessment
- Reclamation Agreement regarding Drought Contingency Plan – [Consultants need to contact Reclamation and determine what is eligible as cost share.](#)
- Poso Creek IRWM Plan project selection for IRWM Imp funding application – [Consultants to review with the group the official process to accept projects into the Plan. Projects that made it into Storm Water Plan need to be included in list.](#)

9. **Suggested Date and Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting:** Next scheduled date for a regular public meeting to be held October 2018.

10. **Adjournment**

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