



Minutes for Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Meeting

Location: Semitropic Water Storage District's Office

Meeting Date and Time: **Tuesday, January 6th, 2015; 12 (noon) – 2 pm**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Agenda Modifications** - The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) made one modification to the agenda at the request of Carole Combs to add the TBWP Watershed Management Update.
3. **Public Comment** – No Public comments were received.
4. **Introductions and Recognition of Guests** – Paul Oshel led introductions of meeting attendees; several new attendees were present as noted on the Attendance.
5. **Acceptance of previous meeting Minutes** – The Sept 2nd Meeting Minutes were recognized and accepted.
6. **Implementation Activity and Work Group Reports** – The December Activity Report was reviewed and accepted with no additions.
 - a. Prop 84, IMP Rnd1 Closeout – North Kern and Cawelo – Ram Venkatesan, NKWSD provided the RWMG with an update regarding the CVC to Calloway Canal Intertie construction. Basically, the Intertie construction is complete and the Project Completion report will be filed in January to the DWR. The overall Poso Creek IRWM Prop 84, Rnd1 Imp Grant is in the final, close out phase.
 - b. Revisit the cost sharing agreement for general IRWM activities – This topic was addressed later in the meeting so that all the RWMG members would be available to participate in the discussion. Following a discussion of expected annual expenses to maintain the Poso Creek IRWM planning efforts, the RWMG recommended to set aside the February meeting time for dialog regarding potential changes to funding the maintenance of the Poso Creek IRWMG group.
 - c. Annual activity and projected budget for 2015 – Paul Oshel led a discussion regarding the projected activities necessary to maintain the Poso Creek IRWM planning efforts over the next year. Given the Plan is in full compliance with Prop 84 IRWM Plan standards, the recommendation is to focus on a few items, including: 1) revisiting the MOU cost share equation for sharing of the costs to maintain the group planning and implementation efforts, 2) preparation of the Annual Report and Report Card for IRWM activity and accomplishments, 3) updating the Plan project list through a solicitation for new or revised projects, and 4) assisting project proponents with development of projects. Following the discussion, Paul suggested the RWMG consider a general activities budget of \$30K and project development assistance budget of \$20K. A formal budget for general activities will be voted on at the Feb or Mar meeting. If project



proponents decide to apply for grants for project funding, then a separate grant preparation budget will be established by the project proponents.

- d. **Confirm DAC Representative for 2015** – The RWMG confirmed the commitment of Frank Ohnserorgen to serve as the DAC Representative for 2015.
- e. **Schedule project submittals and active project updates** - GEI suggested to Paul to allow the Poso Creek IRWM entities some time for new project submittals and for active project updates. Following a group discussion, Paul suggested he send out the notice and request that project submittals be provided to the RWMG by the March, 2015 meeting. This timeline will allow the RWMG some time to consider new and updated projects prior to the next DWR IRWM funding round.
- f. **Annual Report / Report Card [Poso Plan Update stated a Report Card and Annual Report will occur each year]** – Following a group discussion regarding the stated requirement in the Plan update to complete an Annual Report and Report Card identifying accomplishments, GEI was tasked with providing a draft for consideration by the May, 2015 meeting date. The group discussed making use of the information contained in Appendix A of the Poso IRWM Plan Update for the Annual Report and Report Card.
- g. **Timeline for Rnd3 Imp Grant** – DWR Representative Alex Vdovichenko provided a projected timeline of summer, 2015 for the DWR's Rnd3 Imp PSP to be released and tentative time of fall 2015 to winter 2016 for proposals to be due.
- h. **Madera Ave Intertie** – Paul Oshel led a discussion regarding the status of the Madera Ave Intertie, provided a summary of the project's challenges, and summarized the status of the proposed discussion to be held between Semitropic and K-T WD regarding the project. The project is in need of some time to be spent by Semitropic in discussion with neighboring CVP contractors. A timeline with a target date for completing discussions was set as May, 2015.
- i. **Poso Creek IRWMP website**, <http://www.semitropic.com/AboutUsPosoCreekIRWM.html>; Semitropic and GEI reminded the RWMG that information such as the meeting material is now posted on the Poso Creek IRWM page. A request was made to all attendees to spend some time looking at the website and if they have suggestions for additional information, to pass them along to Paul or GEI.
- j. **Tulare Basin Lake Bed Watershed Coordinator** – Carole Combs provided a summary of watershed coordinator activity and their efforts to have the IRWM program recognize a project ecological benefit in the grant scoring criteria. A discussion was led by Katie Young regarding existing project efforts within Semitropic WSD that provide multiple benefits, such as water demand management, by purchasing existing crop land and converting it to an upland habitat use.



7. **Funding Opportunities**

- a. State: DWR Prop 84, Rnd3 and new State Bond
- b. Federal: WaterSMART, CalFED, NRCS, and other.

8. **Anticipated Action Items; additional items to be added at the meeting**

- Revise the MOU cost share equation – to be completed by March, 2015 meeting.
- Report Card / Annual Report preparation – completion date of May, 2015
- Project submittals and project updates – completion date of March, 2015
- Madera Ave Intertie – completion date of May, 2015

9. **Suggested Date and Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting**: Feb 3rd, 2015 was suggested as the next meeting date and for the focus to be on the MOU cost share equation.

10. **Adjournment**

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