



Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Activity and Correspondence for May, 2017

Summary:

- Shafer-Wasco ID successfully completed the coordination with Reclamation Staff to complete a grant funding contract for the Kimberlina Spreading Grounds, which is the modified Madera Ave Intertie project. The project's earthwork construction started in October and was completed in April. The recharge site is now operational.
- Eric Quinley, Jackie Takeda, Frank Ohnersorgen, Sam Schaefer, and other Poso Creek IRWM RWMG participants continued coordination efforts for the Poso Creek IRWM RWMG participating in the DAC Involvement funding for Tulare Basin Integrated Regional Planning Effort. Recall the County of Tulare, within the Tulare Basin Funding Area, submitted a proposal to DWR's PSP for Proposition 1 funding for DAC involvement. The Proposal was approved by DWR and is in the final approval process.
- The DAC Involvement effort to define the near term needs and was included as part of the Poso Creek IRWM Plan Update proposal, which DWR announced the IRWM Planning Grant awards in early December, 2016. North Kern is serving as the lead agency on behalf of Poso Creek IRWM RWMG and is nearing a signed grant agreement with DWR, which is now expected to happen in June, 2017.
- Several districts who had received funding awards from Reclamation's WaterSMART and CalFED funding programs in 2016 are in the process of completing their field biological and cultural resources surveys in support of NEPA. Final awards for funding from the DWR's AgWUE grant program were announced. All applicants who submitted within the Poso Creek IRWM were funded and are presently working towards completing grant agreements with the DWR in 2017, to complete any environmental and cultural surveys needed, and to complete NEPA for Reclamation.
- Some follow up occurred to the requests from DWR Staff, federal entities in Reclamation, CVP contractors, and Senators for Stormwater or groundwater recharge type projects that could be implemented were responded to during February, March, and April.
- NK continues to work with DWR Staff to complete the Proposition 84 IRWM Imp funding. The contract was signed in early September; NK is the Grantee for the DWR contract with LHUD a project sponsor. The NK and LHUD projects are both completed.