

Minutes for Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Meeting

Location: Semitropic Water Storage District's Office

Meeting Date and Time: **Tuesday, Oct 6th, 2015; Noon – 2 PM**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Agenda Modifications** - One modification to the agenda was requested to modify item 6d to "IRWM Program Discussion".
3. **Public Comment** – No Public comments were received.
4. **Introductions and Recognition of Guests** - Paul Oshel led introductions of meeting attendees.
5. **Acceptance of previous meeting Minutes** - The May 26th Meeting Minutes and June 16th Workshop Meeting Notes were recognized and accepted.
6. **Implementation Activity and Work Group Reports**
 - a. Calloway Canal Lining – North Kern – The lining of the canal is complete and ready for operations. As of October 6, the construction crew is finishing the grading; fence work, paving and ramps and the project is considered to be 95% complete. An email was sent to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the status of the project to allow Reclamation to schedule an inspection of the project. An email will also be sent to DWR AgWUE grant officer. Regarding the Calloway to CVC Intertie project, it connects to the Calloway Canal Lining project. Recall the Intertie was completed with the assistance of DWR's IRWM Round 1 Implementation funding. The Intertie recently was awarded the Best Water Project by the LA and San Joaquin sections of ASCE. Notification of the award was sent to the DWR IRWM representative.
 - b. Rnd3 Imp Proposal – NK and LHUD – The results of the Rnd3 IRWM grants will be announced by November. DWR continues to work on a design contract for the LHUD well and was able to route it through RMC to a local designer, Cannon.
 - c. Project Location Map and Annual Report Card – GEI provided updated project maps, associated historical projects table, and the Poso Report Card summary of financial activity. The report card shows the total costs related to IRWM planning and implementation.
 - d. IRWM Program Discussion– Items to develop for DWR IRWM applications – The Prop 1 funding tentative schedule was presented in September in a DWR workshop. It identifies the first funding opportunity will be for DAC Involvement and related projects. It appears IRWM implementation funding will not be available for any other entities within an IRWM planning area until FY17/18. The Poso DAC representatives present and all other entities



expressed concern this tentative approach by the DWR would add to segregation of entities within IRWM groups and not add to integration of IRWM activity. It is apparent that by the time Prop 1 funding is available to IRWM groups with the Tulare Funding Area, there will be seven active IRWMs and it remains unclear how the funds will be administered to meet a fraction of the overall needs of the Tulare Funding Area. It is recommended members of the Poso group maintain their activity in the regional coordinating meetings to keep informed of the IRWM program. Paul Oshel and Frank (DAC Representative) have volunteered to go to the next regional IRWM meeting.

- e. IRWM Eligibility - Ag Water Management Plans – December 31st, 2015 requirement – Ag Water Management Plans need to be updated by December 31, 2015 to meet state requirements. Federal water contractors also need to submit their Water Conservation Plans to DWR. In addition, there was also a discussion about possible new requirements for the IRWM grant program, which were identified in the DWR’s presentation as, SB 895, AB 1249, and SB 208. It is uncertain how these requirements will be incorporated into State grant funding requirements.
- f. Ag WUE funding - \$30M to be announced by DWR – GEI provided information regarding the DWR’s AgWUE funding program and a several typical types of projects that were funded in the past were discussed. The draft schedule indicates applications will be due in February 2016. The state will fund up to 50% of projects under this program.
- g. Madera Ave Intertie – SWID – In July, the project description was modified updated for Reclamation Staff to conduct a review, scheduled for the fourth quarter, after September 30th. The description included a modified scope and a reduced benefit. Reclamation is scheduled to provide a decision regarding funding of the modified project by the end of the year.
- h. Irrigated Lands program – The program is ongoing and actively managed in Kern County directly with the Growers. The IRP governing entity meets periodically and is working with the Regional board to implement the program. The recent effort was to modify the high vulnerability areas map and notify landowners.
- i. GW SGMA activity – The latest DWR PSP will be released at the end of October 2015. It will be targeting counties first to form GSAs and GSPs for the SGMA. Kern County will be pursuing a grant working through the Kern GW Authority form to address this activity.

7. Funding Opportunities

- a. State: Prop 1 State Bond, DWR AgWUE, and IRWM DAC Involvement.
- b. Federal: Reclamation programs through WaterSMART and CalFED.



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

- Paul Oshel, Poso IRWM Chairman and Frank (DAC Rep) to participate in regional IRWM meeting first Monday of November.
- Prop 84, Rnd3 Imp Proposal Contract with DWR/NK, if awarded.
- Consider Prop 1 IRWM funding for DAC Involvement and integrating new IRWM areas.
- Sam to forward the application for ASCE project awards to the group when ASCE announces them.

9. **Suggested Date and Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting:** Nov 3rd, Election Day.

- a. Steve Dalke – Oil Field Project Presentation
- b. Annual Budget/Activities/Cost equation discussion
- c. DAC Involvement Activities and Tulare Basin DAC study report/presentation

10. **Adjournment**

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