



## Minutes for Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Meeting

### Location: Semitropic Water Storage District's Office

Meeting Date and Time: **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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** - Sam Schaefer provided an update of activity since last meeting. Ram Venkatesan moved to accept the minutes, Skye Grass seconded, motion passed.
6. **Discussion Topics and Status Reports**
  - a. IRWM Activity Budget, 2018 approval, summary of 2017 – Sam provided update that Task Order for 2018 budget had been circulated and signed by Semitropic. Isela Medina spoke about the 2017 ending budget, where the group had additional funds from 2017 that were moved over (credited) to 2018 for each District's share based upon percentage of participation. Sky moved to accept 2018 budget, Ram seconded, motion passed.
  - b. 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 discussed the need to draft a formal letter identifying official representatives for the group. Sam inquired about any necessary formal language and Abigail Solis (SHE) offered to provide a sample. Suggested representatives included Eric Quinley and Frank



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- c. Landowner water recharge activity – possible policy discussion – Tim Gobler requested a discussion of Landowner recharge. Districts within the group have adopted different policies creating a potential need to have a consistent policy for landowners that are in multiple Districts. Used as an example, North Kern made agreements with several large landowners where the district agreed to lease a property for a year to multiple years (based on location). The agreement would result in a 75/25 split between the District/Landowner, except in the case where the landowner can bring in their own water source, then the split is reversed. Another question brought forth was if the EA for water transfers within the region extends to individual landowners. Based on the discussion, the RWMG recognized the need to keep the Landowner recharge activity as an individual district program since it is based on cooperation of districts and Landowners for the programs to work. The EA is designed to allow for contract water movement at the district level.
- d. Summary of active funded 2016 and 2017 projects and 2018 applications – Discussed in monthly activity.
- e. Example Grant Closeout and Federal Audit: Kimberlina Recharge SGs – From the recent Audit, it is suggested that other District’s adopt similar procurement policies as that of Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District.
- f. IRWM Plan Update (DWR funding under contract with NK) and Drought Contingency Plan (Pending Agreement by Reclamation through SWID) status of work activity and schedule update – Sam provided Prop 1 information and schedule for the Prop 1 implementation applications. The Group discussed the status of the drought chapter and Sam informed all that SWID is still undergoing a response for clarification with Reclamation on cost match before the agreement can be finalized. Sam talked about the future need of a task force and potentially having Districts and landowners on the committee. Abigail suggested having a DAC representative as part of that task force.
- g. Project List discussion; future funding in IRWM, application in later 2018. – Sam discussed the need to update the project list and asked if anyone had new projects or concepts to add. Projects should, at best, be identified by June. Consultants will work with SHE to develop Project descriptions. A project solicitation email will be sent.
- h. Overview of WQ Assessment Chapter (Presentation) – Stephanie Hearn provided copies of the draft chapter to the Group and presented the regional findings.



- i. Guest speaker, Richard Meyerhoff who spent several years on CV Salts will present and give some guidance on the subject. – [Richard Meyerhoff provided a presentation on CV Salts leading into a discussion of the relationship with the Irrigated Lands program.](#)
  - j. Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model (HCM) scope of work and SGMA Data Requests – [The HCM meeting is being scheduled. There will be a cash call early on, but still working on the task order with the hired consultant.](#)
7. **Funding Opportunities**
  - a. State: 2015 AgWUE funds, DAC Inv., IRWM Planning and Implementation.
  - b. Federal: Reclamation programs: WaterSMART Drought Resiliency, District/Farmer Partnership, CalFED AgWUE, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, and Drought Bill.
8. **Anticipated Action Items; additional items to be added at the workshop/meeting**
  - IRWM Plan Update report and invoicing with DWR
  - Coordinate with Tulare Basin Group for DAC Involvement and Needs Assessment
  - Complete Reclamation Agreement regarding Drought Contingency Plan
  - Poso Creek IRWM Plan project identification for IRWM Imp funding application
9. **Suggested Date and Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting**: Next scheduled date for a regular public meeting to be held April, May, or June 2018.
10. **Adjournment**

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