

# Meeting Summary

## Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program Administrative Committee Meeting

Date: January 16, 2013  
Conference call, with in-person  
option at CalTrout

Call-in option:  
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### Summary of Action Items

- Irene will request a more detailed financial report from Central Sierra through the end of December, 2012, broken down by task for the next Admin. Committee meeting, which will be scheduled for some time for mid-February.
- The Program Staff will agendaize a groundwater discussion at the March RWMG meeting to revisit issues brought forth in the January 23 groundwater panel discussion.
- Holly will put the Program Staff working on World Water Day in touch with those interested in collaborative opportunities to further enrich World Water Day events.

### Draft Meeting Summary

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

##### Attending In Person

- Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club
- Maya Weinhart, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Janet Hatfield, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Heather DeBethizy, Mono County
- Irene Yamashita, Mammoth Community Water District

##### Attending Via Conference Line

- Darla Heil, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
- Bruce Woodworth, Central Sierra RCD, Mono County RCD
- Bryanna Vaughan, Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe
- Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District
- Mark Drew, California Trout, Inyo-Mono IRWMP

#### 2. Public Comment Period

- Holly Alpert introduces Maya Weinhart who will be serving as the new Program Administrator to the Program Staff and states that Maya comes to us from the Mammoth Lakes Foundation.

- Mark Drew acknowledges that the Inyo-Mono IRWMP is entering the fifth year and feels there are some exciting things on the horizon. He acknowledges those who have been active members of the Admin. Committee and thanks them for their hard work, recognizing the Programs success as a result of these efforts.
- Irene in return thanks the Program Office for their hard work.

### 3. 2013 Admin Committee Changes

#### A. New Members

- Holly reminds the Admin. Committee members that three seats expire at the end of every calendar year, and that the end of 2012, the three seats that expired were Mono County, Bishop Paiute Tribe, and Central Sierra RC&D. Holly recaps that today we are looking to replace four seats as Darla Heil would also like to step down from her duties as an Admin. Committee member. Holly reminds those attending that the appointments discussed today will be voted on by the RWMG next week. She continues by reporting that the Program Office has solicited interest from specific Members of the RWMG as well as through more general announcement to the Group. Holly summarizes that Bob Harrington, Malcolm Clark and Alan Bacock have responded to the more focused recruitment, however, no interest was received back from the more general solicitation.
- There was a discussion between departing Admin. Committee members several of whom offered to stay serving on the Admin. Committee if needed to fill the fourth seat. Ultimately the conversation yielded Bruce Woodworth, BryAnna Vaughan, and Darla Heil stepping down and Mono County representative Heather DeBethizy continuing on for an additional one year. New Admin. Committee members serving two year appointments were recommended to be Bob Harrington, Malcolm Clark, and Alan Bacock.

#### B. Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments

- Holly communicates the next order of business is to determine the Chair and Vice Chair.
- Bruce speaks that the new Admin. Committee should appoint the new positions and reminds those attending that according to the MOU; the RWMG needs to first approve the newly recommended Admin. Committee members. He also thinks it could be good to have all new members on the call before selecting Chair and Vice Chair.

### 4. Round 1 Implementation Grant

#### A. Financial reporting on Implementation Grant 1 from Central Sierra

- Holly discusses the Round 1 Implementation Financial Reporting from Central Sierra.
- Irene Yamashita informs the Admin. Committee that M7 met with Central Sierra about invoicing and that the next meeting will be scheduled by the end of January regarding invoicing. There had not been a follow-up meeting to date. She asks if anyone knows if there have been any schedule changes to the implementation invoicing schedule.
- Mark responds that Valerie Klinefelter has been sick and he has not heard of any changes to the implementation invoicing schedule. He informs the Admin. Committee that DWR intended to hold the formal grant "kick-off" meeting earlier today, however the meeting was postponed. Mark believes that this may indicate that the first implementation invoice may be delayed.

- Holly explains the Program Office had submitted their budget through Oct. 31, 2012 and invoice to Central Sierra in December, but that they have received no information from Central Sierra that the implementation schedule has changed.
- Holly presented the current financial report from Central Sierra and asked the Admin. Committee if they had questions regarding the document.
- There is a brief conversation regarding Central Sierra's budget.
- Irene would like the next financial report from Central Sierra to be broken out into tasks so that further budget detail could be viewed and asks for guidance on how best to request this of Central Sierra.
- Holly responds that M7 and the Admin. Committee need to explicitly request the type of information they desire in Central Sierra's budget reports.
- **Irene will request a more detailed financial report from Central Sierra through the end of December, 2012, broken down by task for the next Admin. Committee meeting, which will be scheduled for some time for mid-February.**

#### B. Financial reporting on Implementation Grant 1 from Program Office

- Holly briefly describes the Program Office portion of the Implementation budget by task as submitted to Central Sierra for the initial reporting period from 8/2011 through 10/2012. She invites questions from the Admin. Committee.
- Irene asks how many equivalent hours are used to date by the Program Staff.
- Janet Hatfield reports she is at 30%, Mark is at 49% and Holly at 39% of the total hours allocated for the administration of the Round 1 Implementation grant.
- Leroy Corlett inquires if the Admin. Committee could view the actual budget reporting forms as they are submitted to DWR so that work is not replicated by the Grantee for all reports. He believes this to be a more efficient way of budget reporting to the Admin. Committee and the RWMG.
- Irene states Valerie has provided an invoice form but that she believes it differs from the additional form submitted to DWR.
- Holly maintains that the Program Office has submitted their portion of the report in DWR's format to Central Sierra.
- Irene recalls Valerie instructed M7 members to fill out the form provided and that the Central Sierra Staff would transcribe the information into the appropriate DWR format.
- There is a conversation about the most efficient way to report budget's to Central Sierra, all in attendance agree a more efficient way is needed to reduce redundant efforts.

#### 5. **Review of January 23 Meeting Agenda**

- Holly provides some updates to the Jan. 23 Agenda and provides a brief overview of the final agenda. She informs those in attendance that a groundwater panel discussion will take place in the afternoon hours on the day of the meeting with DWR and local groundwater experts. She mentions that this discussion is a good opportunity to learn about local groundwater issues and also to inform DWR of regional groundwater issues and concerns.
- Irene asks for an update on Round 2 Implementation and the status on the selection of a Grantee.
- Mark gives an update on Round 2 Implementation. He speaks that collaborative talks with other Lahontan IRWM regions have resulted in the decision to go forward regardless of other regional funding asks. He concludes that the Inyo-Mono will apply for \$1.9 Million in funding, which includes \$1.7 million in project funding and the remainder funds allocated to cover administrative overhead. He informs that three meetings have already taken place with project proponents and Program Staff in regards to proposal development specific to Grantee selection. Mark reports that to his knowledge, Inyo County is taking the decision to

the Inyo County Board of Supervisors (BOS) on January 22 to seek approval to become the Round 2 Implementation Grantee. Mark fully supports this and speaks that it reduces the burden to CalTrout.

- There is a conversation about the Town of Mammoth Lakes serving as Grantee with several people expressing concern over their ability to serve as Grantee.
- Mark reiterates he is hopeful that Inyo County BOS will approve the decision to serve as Grantee. If the decision does not get approved with Inyo County as a contingency Mark will pursue CalTrout approval.
- Leroy mentioned that the Indian Wells Valley Water District staff reports their Round 2 Implementation meeting yesterday with the Program Staff was very informative and they are optimistic about their proposal.
- Irene would like to see a follow up discussion after the groundwater panel discussion to compare how the issues raised at the meeting compare to those described in the Phase II Plan and thinks it would be nice to agendize that as a topic for discussion at the March RWMG.
- Holly notes that the workshop is part of implementing the plan as it continues our process of learning about the Inyo-Mono region.
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## 6. General updates

- Holly announces World Water Day is on March 22 and that this year CalTrout and the Inyo-Mono IRWMP are co-sponsoring a series of events which will include several educational workshops at local schools as well as a panel discussion and banquet. World Water Day is a United Nation sponsored event.
- Bishop Paiute Tribe, Big Pine Paiute Tribe, and Mammoth Community Water District communicate interest in collaborating with CalTrout and the Inyo-Mono IRWMP on World Water Day events.
- **Holly will put the Program Staff working on World Water Day in touch with those interested in collaborative opportunities to further enrich World Water Day events.**
- Andrew Skaggs will be providing World Water Day updates at the next RWMG meeting with additional details.
- Heather DeBethizy has been contacted by the Bridgeport PUD and they will be attending the next RWMG meeting.
- Irene reports that Greg Norby is leaving at the end of January and the Mammoth Community Water District is still seeking a new General Manager.

## 7. Review of action items from the meeting

- Janet reviewed action items from today's meeting.

## 8. Next RWMG Meeting

- Wednesday, January 23, 2013 Mammoth Community Water District
- There will be a groundwater panel discussion following the meeting with guest speakers from DWR as well as local groundwater experts.
- Holly again thanks the former Admin. Committee Members for their service.

**Irene adjourns the meeting 12:58**