

# Inyo – Mono IRWMP Final Meeting Summary

## Administrative Committee Meeting

**Date: July 15, 2013**  
**Conference call, with in-person  
option at CalTrout**  
**9:00 – 11:00 am**  
3399 Main St. Suite W6  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Call-in option:  
1-866-210-1669  
passcode: 6194641#

### Call in Locations:

1. California Trout Office  
3399 Main St. Suite W6  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

2. Bridgeport Indian Colony  
355 Sagebrush Dr.  
Bridgeport, CA

3. Leroy Corlett's House  
1217 N. Inyo St.  
Ridgecrest, CA

### Decision Items:

- Mark Drew moved to appoint Leroy Corlett as Chair and Alan Bacock as Vice Chair for the Administrative Committee through Dec. 31, 2013. Leroy seconded the motion. All approved.

### Action Items:

- Program Office will reach out to Valerie Klinefelter and get specific information that has not been provided by project proponents for Round 1 Implementation invoicing and will assist in expediting the process of gathering needed information. The Program Office will provide a progress report on their efforts to follow up with project proponents to the Group at the July 24 RWMG meeting.
- Mark will contact Cindy Wise of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to get direction for Salt and Nutrient Planning, particularly as it relates to pursuing a region-wide approach and will ask for additional information on potential funding and expected time length necessary for planning.
- Program Staff will follow up with Don Zdeba to discuss Salt and Nutrient Planning for the Indian Wells Valley based on his meeting with Cindy Wise.
- Holly Alpert will follow up with Bob Harrington on getting a group together for continuing conversations on forming a 501c3 for the Inyo-Mono IRWMP.
- Maya Weinhart will add an agenda item for next week on future visioning of the IRWMP program and potential future sources of funding.
- Maya will add Pine Glade Association Incorporated letter of support discussion to the Group agenda.
- Janet Hatfield will reach out to Pine Glade Association in regards to the letter of support and encourage them to collaborate with their neighboring water systems and attend our next Group meeting.

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Public Comment Period
3. Administrative Committee
  - a. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for July 1 – December 31
4. Financial & Administrative Updates
  - a. Round 1 Planning Grant
  - b. DAC Grant
  - c. Round 1 Implementation Grant
  - d. Round 2 Planning Grant
  - e. Update on progress of application on Round 2 Implementation Grant
5. Round 2 Implementation Grant
6. Salt & Nutrient Management Plan
  - a. Inyo-Mono IRWM assistance with Indian Wells Valley and Owens Valley plans
7. Discussion on future funding of Inyo-Mono IRWMG activities
8. General updates and announcements
9. Review of action items from the meeting
10. Next meeting
  - a. July 24, 2013: RWMG Meeting – Mammoth Lakes

## MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

**Meeting called to order:** Alan Bacock called the meeting to order at 9:04 am

### **Attending in Person**

- Maya Weinhart, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Mark Drew, CalTrout/Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District

### **Attending Via Conference Line**

- Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe
- Justin Nalder, Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Janet Hatfield, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono IRWMP

2. Public Comment Period

- No public comments were announced.

3. Administrative Committee

- b. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for July 1 – December 31
  - Mark Drew stated that today we will be deciding on replacements of Chair and Vice-Chair for Irene Yamashita and Alan Bacock whose six month appointments were up on July 1, 2013. Leroy Corlett volunteered for an appointment and Justin Nalder also

volunteered barring interest from others. After some discussion Mark nominated Leroy Corlett as Chair and Alan Bacock as Vice-Chair with Justin Nalder to be appointed to one of those positions in the next appointment period.

- **Decision Item:** Mark Drew moved to appoint Leroy Corlett as Chair and Alan Bacock as Vice Chair for the Administrative Committee through Dec. 31, 2013. Leroy seconded the motion. All approved.

#### 4. Financial & Administrative Updates

##### a. Round 1 Planning Grant

- Mark stated that we are in the final stages of preparing the final report to DWR and expect to finish towards the end of July. Holly stated that she has submitted the draft report to DWR and is waiting for feedback in order to finalize the report.

##### b. DAC Grant

- Mark began by reviewing that the initial grant was for \$390,000. DWR had a total grant cap of \$500,000 which resulted in the Program Office going back to DWR and receiving an additional amount totaling \$496,000 for the full grant award. With the second round of funding approval the Program Office needed to create an amendment to the original grant agreement which was recently finalized and approved. One of the large tasks with the grant is a documentary which the Program Office is moving forward on and is working with Bristlecone Media for the production. The Program Office has had the initial meeting and signed the contract. The plan is to have the documentary ready for viewing in the Spring of 2014. The film is currently set to be about 25 to 30 minutes.
- Justin Nalder asked about the proposed outreach efforts for the documentary once it was completed. Mark stated that we have an outreach plan listed as a grant deliverable but will not know its specifics until we're closer to completion of the documentary.
- Holly Alpert stated that the work of the DAC grant is scheduled to wrap up in June 2014, and the final reporting is scheduled to be done by September 2014.

##### c. Round 1 Implementation Grant

- Holly reported that there were two recent kickoff events – one for the Round Valley School Project and another one for the Hilltop Well Project. A press release for the Round Valley School project is available at <http://inyo-monowater.org/2013/06/news-release-round-valley-school-water-project-underway/>.
- Holly reported that Valerie Klinefelter recently sent an update on the Round 1 Implementation invoicing. Valerie wrote that she is working on finalizing Invoice 1 with DWR and is currently waiting on wage valuations from certain project proponents to give to DWR. She has also submitted a draft of Invoice 2 and is waiting for feedback from DWR. The second invoice goes through the end of March. Leroy suggested that the Program Office reach out to Valerie to see if there's any information staff can help her gather from project proponents to speed up the invoicing process because it's been almost two years since the start of this process. Alan agreed and highlighted that there are groups working on the projects that may not be able to cover expenses for extended periods of time.
- **Action Item:** Program Office will reach out to Valerie Klinefelter and get specific information that has not been provided by project proponents for Round 1 Implementation invoicing and will assist in expediting the process of gathering needed information. The Program Office will provide a progress report on their efforts to follow up with project proponents to the Group at the July 24 RWMG meeting.
- Mark said that during the Round 2 Implementation Grant the Program Office and Group should consider establishing hard deadlines for invoicing and consequences for missing deadlines. Mark notes that it only takes one individual or entity not performing as needed to create hardships for all.

##### d. Round 2 Planning Grant

- Holly reported that we are already spending on the grant and are working on finalizing the grant agreement with DWR. The original details of the grant agreement needed to be expanded on in order for DWR to approve the agreement. DWR has a draft of the

revised agreement and we are waiting to get feedback which should arrive by the end of July.

- Mark has begun to work with Planning Grant project proponents (Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo National Forest) to develop contracts between them and CalTrout. Mark will be attending a meeting in Antelope Valley on July 22 to present the West Walker project. The meeting will be with the Mono County RCD and was instigated by Bruce Woodworth.
- e. Round 2 Implementation Grant
- Mark reported that the Round 2 Implementation Grant proposal was submitted in the latter part of March 2013. Inyo-Mono asked for \$ 2.4 million to fund a suite of projects. DWR's preliminary recommendations will come out in August which will be followed by a probable 30-day public comment period and likely three workshops for comment to DWR. Proposal development for this round went much more smoothly, was far more organized and systematic, and depending on the award we will figure out the next steps for funding disbursement. If award is less than request, funding for projects will proceed as in the past and adjusted if necessary.
5. Round 3 Implementation Grant
- Mark reported that the Round 3 Implementation grant submittals have been delayed and should be due by Christmas 2014. Mark is looking at this extended time period as an opportunity for us to develop really strong proposals for the next round of funding.
6. Salt & Nutrient Management Plan
- a. Inyo-Mono IRWM assistance with Indian Wells Valley and Owens Valley plans
- Leroy suggested that a next step that Inyo-Mono IRWMP could take to prepare a region-wide Salt & Nutrient Management Plan (minus the Indian Wells Valley) is to work with Inyo and Mono counties and the towns of Bishop and Mammoth Lakes. The Fremont Basin has begun work on their plan and is including three phases: collecting data, validating the data, and implementing the findings. Indian Wells Valley is planning on doing its own plan because it should be pretty simple. Mark and Holly asked if Leroy knew how much time or money is required to establish a salt and nutrient plan and he said he was unsure. Leroy also believes there is no state funding in place for establishing the plan. According to the State Water Resources Control Board's Recycled Water Policy that was adopted in 2009, all California regions need to have a Salt & Nutrient Management Plan submitted to the Regional Water Board by May 14, 2014. Mark suggested that the next steps should be that he gathers more information from Cindy of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and then the Program Office should strategize on how to approach the town and county offices development of a potential bi-county plan.
  - **Action Item:** Mark will contact Cindy Wise of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to get direction for Salt and Nutrient Planning, particularly as it relates to pursuing a region-wide approach and will ask for additional information on potential funding and expected time length necessary for planning.
  - **Action Item:** Program Staff will follow up with Don Zdeba to discuss Salt and Nutrient Planning for the Indian Wells Valley based on his meeting with Cindy Wise.
7. Discussion on future funding of Inyo-Mono IRWMP activities
- Mark and Leroy suggested that we need to start discussion on the future of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP. We need to start discussing where the Inyo-Mono IRWMP is going long-term and where the future financial support of the IRWMP will come from.
  - Mark said that Planning Grant 2 includes funding to develop a long-term finance/funding plan for the Inyo-Mono IRWMP. Mark suggested that we begin by identifying what we actually need to fund as one initial first in developing a finance plan. The Program Office is looking to develop a database of funding opportunities that will be available on the website. The Program Office has not identified the scope of our needs for funding but feel that we need to maintain a Program Office to keep the day-to-day operations moving forward. An option being considered to support the development of a finance plan is to

engage the Conservation Strategy Fund group which did the economic analysis training. They have experience in assisting organizations in their financial planning, and maybe having another group come in to help us develop a plan is the best option.

- Alan liked the idea of a database on the website; however, he felt that the group needs to identify what are the tasks that can be accomplished by the Program Office and tasks that can be accomplished by members of the Group.
- It was noted that based on the last Group meeting Bob Harrington was going to lead up the conversation on forming a 501(c)(3) which has relevance to the long-term status of the Program
- Holly suggested that we give a survey to the group to see where the group sees the IRWMP going in the future and what needs might be addressed. She suggested brainstorming with both the Group and the Program Office what work should be done and how we should fund it.
- **Action Item:** Holly Alpert will follow up with Bob Harrington on getting a group together for continuing conversations on forming a 501c3 for the Inyo-Mono IRWMP.
- **Action Item:** Maya Weinhart will add an agenda item for next week on future visioning of the IRWMP program and potential future sources of funding.

8. General updates and announcements

- Janet Hatfield reported that she has been in conversations with Pine Glade Association about their efforts to replace their current water tank with a larger tank to accommodate potential future fire issues. The tank is on Forest Service land, but their initial efforts to get approval from the Forest Service were denied. They are now reaching out to influential agencies for support to re-approach the Forest Service.
- Alan Bacock felt that we should offer support to this group because their need is part of one of our objectives.
- The Administrative Committee agreed that given this is a formal request for support that this request would need to be a decision item at a meeting. Given that it's too late to include this item as a decision item for the July 24 Group meeting, it was recommended that the request be presented to the group at the next Group meeting for potential consideration as a decision item at a later date. Also, the Admin. Committee agreed that the Pine Glade Association should try to coordinate with other neighboring water entities, such as the Birchim Community Services District, in joining forces to reach out to the Forest Service.
- **Action Item:** Maya will add Pine Glade Association Incorporated letter of support discussion to the Group agenda.
- **Action Item:** Janet Hatfield will reach out to Pine Glade Association in regards to the letter of support and encourage them to collaborate with their neighboring water systems and attend our next Group meeting.
- Holly reported that she is going to have the first climate change working committee meeting at the end of the month. Alan, Holly, BryAnna are members of the group. The group will focus on proactive actions that we can start thinking about in regards climate change, and climate adaptation will be a major focus.

9. Review of action items from the meeting

- Maya Weinhart reviewed the action items.

10. Next meeting

- a. July 24, 2013: RWMG Meeting – Mammoth Lakes