



Meeting Summary

Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 25, 2013

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Forest Service Conference Room

351 Pacu Lane

Bishop, CA 93514

Call-in option:
1-866-210-1669
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Please RSVP by emailing Maya Weinhart (maya@inyo-monowater.org) by **Friday, Sept. 20, 2013 by 5:00 pm** and indicate whether you will be *attending in person or via phone*.

***Notice:** If you will be calling in to the meeting and you are an MOU signatory, please send your call-in address to Maya Weinhart (maya@inyo-monowater.org) by 9:00 am **Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013**. You will also need to post the meeting notice and agenda at your location by that time.

Call-in locations:

1. Inyo County Water Department
135 South Jackson St.
Independence, CA
2. Bruce Woodworth
824 Burcham Flat Rd.
Coleville, CA 96107
3. Heather deBethizy
9410 Trooper Trail
Bozeman, MT 59715
4. Dan Moore
300 N. Round Valley Rd.
Bishop, CA 93514

ACTION AND DECISION ITEMS

Decision Items:

- Irene Yamashita made a motion to approve the July 24, 2013, RWMG Meeting Summary, and Malcolm Clark seconded. All approved.
- Darla Heil made a motion to approve the Pine Glade Association letter of support to the Forest Service, Wesley Hawks seconded. All approved.
- Irene made a motion that the Admin. Committee draft a letter to all recipients of Inyo-Mono Prop. 84 grant funding asking for contributions to California Trout to reimburse them for past grant related expenses. BryAnna Vaughan seconded the motion. All approved.

Action Items:

- Group members need to send proposed water projects that are not currently in the Plan to Mark

(mdrew@caltrout.org) and Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by the morning of Monday, Sept. 30 to be added to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting agenda for October. Proposed projects only need to contain a descriptive title and total funding amount needed.

- Program Office is requesting match forms from the group by Tuesday, Oct. 8. Please fill them out and send them back to Maya Weinhart at maya@inyo-monowater.org. Forms can be found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/resources/downloadable-forms/>.
- Group members should review DWR's Draft Plan Review Process at <http://inyo-monowater.org/2013/09/department-of-water-resources-announces-irwm-draft-plan-review-process/>. If you would like the Program Office to submit comments to DWR on your behalf, send them to Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by Wednesday, October 16.
- Group members should give some thought to where they see the future of the Inyo – Mono IRWM Program going, including future programmatic activities. Group members should look at the proposed “buckets” of future work listed in today’s agenda item 5a (http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/IM_PG2_Groupmeetingfinalagenda_201309173.pdf) and give their feedback on the proposed work, additional work they think is worthy, as well as potential funding sources. Please send your ideas to Mark (mdrew@caltrout.org) and Holly Alpert (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by Friday, October 18.
- Group members should give some thought to how we are addressing Objective 8 of the Plan (http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/PhaseIIPlan_Chapter-Seven_Objectives-and-Resource-Management-S.pdf – Page 198) and the associated resource management strategies and whether we could be doing more to achieve this objective. Particular attention should be paid to whether number of projects is an appropriate metric or otherwise i.e., outcomes resulting from projects. Please send your feedback to Bob Harrington (bharrington@inyocounty.us) and Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by Friday, October 18.
- Group member should give their feedback on forming a 501(c)3 to Mark (mdrew@caltrout.org), Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org), and Bob (bharrington@inyocounty.us) by Friday, October 25.
- Mark Drew will sign the Pine Glade Association letter of support and send it to Margaret Wood of the Inyo National Forest on behalf of the Inyo – Mono Regional Water Management Group for Pine Glade Association.
- Maya Weinhart will create a news item with today’s action items to allow an RSS feed update for the action items.
- Jen Wong will contact Valerie Klinefelter about needing a wet signature on the invoicing form to move forward with Invoice #1.
- Cindy Wise will reach out to Bob Harrington and Heather deBethizy for further discussion on salt and nutrient management planning and coordinate a plan for bringing the topic up at their county board meetings.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
2. Public Comment (5 minutes)
3. Quick Decision Items (5 minutes)
 - a. Approve July 24, 2013, Meeting Summary
 - b. Approve Pine Glade Association letter of support
4. Review of August/September IRWMP Newsletter (15 minutes)
 - a. Format/distribution
 - b. Appropriate venue for grant updates
 - c. New updates since distribution of the newsletter
 - d. Inyo-Mono's website
5. Round 2 Planning Grant (70 minutes)
 - a. Discussion: visioning for the future work and funding of the Inyo-Mono IRWM Program – Mark and Holly
 - i. Proposed “buckets” of work
 - General programmatic work
 - Stakeholder projects
 - Climate change
 - Database/GIS
 - Capacity building
 - State-level water planning/legislation
 - Environmental stewardship
 - Tribal coordination
 - Education and outreach
 - Sierra-wide regional coordination
 - b. State Water Resource Control Board – Special Environmental Projects Opportunity
 - c. Discussion: Phase II Plan Implementation - Bob Harrington
 - i. **Topic:** Objective 8 of IRWM Plan: *Promote Sound Groundwater Monitoring, Management and Mitigation in Cooperation with all Affected Parties.*
 - ii. Feedback from Objective 6
 - d. Report from 501(c)(3) working committee
 - e. Report on Roundtable of Regions Sept. 18 Workshop
 - f. DWR's IRWM Plan Review Process

***** 10 Minute Break*****

6. Round 1 Implementation Grant Update (20 minutes)
 - a. Plan Performance and Monitoring
 - b. Reporting & invoicing – Central Sierra RC&D, Program Office
 - c. Develop recommendation regarding letter to Central Sierra RC&D
 - d. Project Progress reports
7. Round 2 Implementation (10 minutes)
 - a. Preliminary recommendations, if applicable
8. Salt & Nutrient Management Planning (15 minutes)
 - a. Indian Wells Valley planning update
 - b. Coordination with Inyo and Mono Counties
9. Upcoming events (10 minutes)

- a. CRWA Training: Rates and rate structures (October 21 in Bishop; October 22 in Mammoth Lakes)
 - b. CRWA Training: Sampling Procedures and Emergency Preparedness (November 14 in Bishop)
 - c. Maps 101 Courses
 - d. North Lahontan Regional Forum
 - e. Great Basin Water Forum
 - f. Great Basin Climate Forum
 - g. Water Plan Plenary
 - h. USEPA Tribal Conference
 - i. DWR Geology Field Trip
 - j. IRWM Strategic Planning Workshops
 - k. IRWM Draft Plan Review Process Workshops
10. General Updates (15 minutes)
 - a. Forest Planning
 - b. Water Bond
 - c. IRWM Strategic Plan Process
 - d. Sierra Water Workgroup
 11. Announcements, process check, meeting dates (5 minutes)
Next RWMG Meetings (proposed):
 - Wednesday, November 20, 2013
 12. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 minutes)
 13. Guest Speaker
 - No speaker this month

AGENDA

Meeting was opened by Leroy Corlett at 9:08 am

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

Attending in person

 - Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group
 - Mark Drew, California Trout / Inyo – Mono IRWMP
 - Joy Fatooh, Bureau of Land Management
 - Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club
 - Matthew Hays, Lone Pine Paiute – Shoshone Reservation
 - Darla Heil, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
 - BryAnna Vaughan, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Big Pine CSD
 - Jen Wong, Department of Water Resources
 - Wesley Hawks, Crystal Crag Water and Development Association
 - Janet Hatfield, Inyo – Mono IRWMP
 - Holly Alpert, Inyo – Mono IRWMP
 - Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Owens Valley Committee
 - Irene Yamashita, Mammoth Community Water District
 - Bob Harrington, Inyo County Water Department
 - Harvey VanDyke, Wheeler Crest CSD

- Andy Selters, Pine Glade Association

Calling in:

- Heather deBethizy, Mono County
- Bruce Woodworth, Central Sierra Resource Conservation District
- Cindy Wise, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Rich Ciauri, June Lake PUD
- Melissa Sparks, Department of Water Resources

Mark began the meeting with introductions and mentioned that during the afternoon we will be having a second South Lahontan Regional Forum as part of the California Water Plan Update 2013 process.

2. Public Comment (5 minutes)
 - No public comment.

3. Quick Decision Items (5 minutes)
 - a. **Approve July 24, 2013, Meeting Summary**
 - **Decision Item:** Irene Yamashita motioned to approve the July 24, 2013, Meeting Summary, and Malcolm Clark seconded. All approved.
 - b. **Approve Pine Glade Association letter of support**
 - Andy Selters began by giving the group some background on the Pine Glade Association. He mentioned that they have 48 residents and a few years ago they had approached the Forest Service about adding a water tank for fire suppression because they are in a fire-prone area. At that time the Forest Service denied his inquiry because the FS did not want any construction on its land. Now there is a new District Ranger and they are looking into Pine Glade's request again. The District Ranger said they are reviewing their request now, and Andy thinks that getting a letter of support from the Inyo-Mono RWMG would help. He also clarified that the main purpose of the tank is for fire suppression and that they are looking at other options such as expanding their current infrastructure instead of building new infrastructure.
 - **Decision Item:** Darla Heil made the motion to approve the letter of support. Wesley Hawks seconded. Everyone approved.
 - **Action Item:** Mark Drew will sign the Pine Glade Association letter of support and send it to Margaret Wood of the Inyo National Forest on behalf of the Inyo – Mono Regional Water Management Group for Pine Glade Association.

4. Review of August/September IRWMP Newsletter (15 minutes)
 - a. Format/distribution
 - b. Appropriate venue for grant updates
 - Mark began by mentioning that at the last RWMG meeting, the Program Office announced that it would be providing most updates on grant work through a bi-monthly newsletter, thus opening up meeting time for more substantive discussions. The PO was seeking feedback on how it's working so far.
 - Several members of the group including Harvey VanDyke, Cindy Wise, BryAnna Vaughn, and Malcolm said that it was a great addition because the formatting makes it user friendly easy to find information.
 - Malcolm Clark thought it would be good to have the newsletter available as a page on the website and all agreed.
 - Mark asked the Group if having a newsletter out every other month approximately two weeks before the Group meeting works. Everyone agreed that this time frame works.
 - Harvey asked for contact information for each author or for the main newsletter contact to be included in each newsletter article.
 - c. New updates since distribution of the newsletter
 - Holly Alpert reported that a few days ago she received a report from CRWA on the

results of needs assessments. She will report on the outcomes at the next Group meeting.

d. Inyo-Mono's website

- Maya Weinhart said that she has been spending more time on the website than what is allotted and she wants feedback from the Group on how often they use the website and whether they find it to be a good resource.
- Several members of the Group including Darla Heil, Heather deBethizy, Malcolm, Irene, and Alan said they use the website regularly, especially before meetings. They feel the content is good, and when they need to find water related information they know they can always find it on the website. Janet Hatfield asked if people use the RSS feed and no one except Malcolm was aware of what it is, and then once Janet explained what it is, several members thought they might find it useful.
- Mark concluded by saying that it appears that the work on the website should move forward and if anyone has any feedback or input on how to make the website better, please email Maya (maya@inyo-monowater.org).

5. Round 2 Planning Grant (70 minutes)

- Mark said that the Planning Grant 2 is moving forward. The Program Office hopes to sign the grant agreement this week, and we will begin invoicing soon after. This grant has turned out to be somewhat of a challenge for CalTrout because it has been almost a year since spending on the grant has begun and there has not been any reimbursement to CalTrout yet. CalTrout currently has about \$200,000 floating on all of the Eastern Sierra region grants. Mark mentioned that to move invoicing forward once the grant agreement is signed, it would be very helpful that all Group members send any information requested by the Program Office as soon as possible, including match forms.
- **Action Item:** Program Office is requesting match forms from the group by **Tuesday, Oct. 8**. Please fill them out and send them back to Maya Weinhart at maya@inyo-monowater.org. Forms can be found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/resources/downloadable-forms/>.
- Irene asked if it would be worthwhile to ask current and past grant funding recipients to donate back to CalTrout to help cover Program Office's time in developing proposals. Mark said that anything that could reduce CalTrout's liability would be very helpful.
- BryAnna asked that the Group consider if DACs could contribute in-kind versus monetarily.
- **Decision Item:** Irene made a motion that the Admin. Committee draft a letter to all recipients of Inyo-Mono Prop. 84 grant funding asking for contributions to California Trout to reimburse them for past grant related expenses. BryAnna Vaughan seconded the motion. All approved.

a. Discussion: visioning for the future work and funding of the Inyo-Mono IRWM Program – Mark and Holly

- Proposed "buckets" of work
 - General programmatic work
 - Stakeholder projects
 - Climate change
 - Database/GIS
 - Capacity building
 - State-level water planning/legislation
 - Environmental stewardship
 - Tribal coordination
 - Education and outreach
 - Sierra-wide regional coordination
- Mark reported that we are at least two years away from any new water bond funding supporting IRWM efforts, and DWR funding is not something that we can count on in

the future. A conversation about the future of the Inyo-Mono IRWM Program was started with the Admin. Committee in July and is being brought to the RWMG today. He mentioned that the “buckets” of work listed were brainstormed by Holly and him and incorporate everything that the Program Office is currently working on along with what they see necessary for the future.

- Harvey asked whether all the items on the list are currently part of the program’s work. Holly and Mark explained that most of the buckets are currently part of the daily work, however, this is the time to let the Program Office know if there is anything that the Group feels would be good to add to the list.
 - There was a discussion among Group members on where they see future funding coming from, and Harvey suggested that the group consider looking at funding pools first and then tailor the work based on areas of potential funding. BryAnna suggested that the Program Office serves as an entity that applies for grant funding and/or as a training coordination entity. Janet suggested that the Group also put some consideration into the future governance structure of the Group so that it can maximize funding opportunities.
 - Harvey expressed concern about keeping the name as IRWMP because it is a DWR program. Jen Wong confirmed that the name is ours and we are welcome to do what we want with it.
 - **Action Item:** Group members should give some thought to where they see the future of the Inyo – Mono IRWM Program going, including future programmatic activities. Group members should look at the proposed “buckets” of future work listed in today’s agenda item 5a (http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/IM_PG2_Groupmeetingfinalagenda_201309173.pdf) and give their feedback on the proposed work, additional work they think is worthy, as well as potential funding sources. Please send your ideas to Mark (mdrew@caltrout.org) and Holly Alpert (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by Friday, **October 18**.
- b. State Water Resources Control Board – Special Environmental Projects Opportunity
- Mark and Cindy Wise introduced a new funding opportunity that might be available in the near future through the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. Cindy described the Special Environmental Project (SEP) program, which is a pool of money that comes from fines levied on polluting entities. Historically the money was supposed to be used in the same area of the fine; however, Cindy’s board is now looking at opening up the funding to support projects in the regions that are in need. Lahontan is currently leading the way in figuring out how to provide this funding. There would be a third party responsible for financial disbursement and oversight. The Lahontan board would like to try this on a pilot scale. To begin discussion on the projects in need, Cindy needs a list of all potential projects for the Inyo – Mono region only with the project title and proposed funding amount by September 30.
 - Mark said that he and Holly are working on creating a list of all the projects in the Plan and a few additional ones. If Group members have other projects they would like to have considered, they should send them to Mark and Holly by the morning of September 30.
 - Darla had asked what projects qualify, and Cindy said that any water projects qualify, though historically this program has focused on water quality projects. However, they are primarily interested in shovel ready projects and not planning efforts. Cindy noted that Salt & Nutrient Management Plans might be an option for this funding.
 - **Action Item:** Group members need to send proposed water projects that are not currently in the Plan to Mark (mdrew@caltrout.org) and Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by the morning of **Monday, Sept. 30** to be added to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting agenda for October. Proposed projects only need to contain a descriptive title and total funding amount needed.
 - **Action Item:** Maya Weinhart will create a news item with today’s action items to allow an RSS feed update for the action items.

- c. Discussion: Phase II Plan Implementation - Bob Harrington
- i. **Topic:** Objective 8 of IRWM Plan: *Promote Sound Groundwater Monitoring, Management and Mitigation in Cooperation with all Affected Parties.*
 - Bob Harrington began the discussion by reading Objective 8. Bob said the goal is to review each objective and discuss whether we are addressing the objective, associated resource management strategies, and their metrics. He read each RMS and its associated metric to seek feedback. To see the RMSs please visit (http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/PhaseIIPlan_Chapter-Seven_Objectives-and-Resource-Management-S.pdf - Page 198).
 - In addition to this meeting summary, Holly took notes on this discussion on flip chart pages.
 - The Group provided feedback on the RMSs and associated metrics. For RMS #1, the Group thought compliance in response to mandates might be a better metric than the one provided. For RMS #4, the metric is the number of projects undertaken and variability in groundwater levels; however, the metric is not clear on whether the variability is in relation to space or time and also why that is a metric.
 - There was a suggestion of using increased reliability of groundwater as the RMS #5 metric instead of the number of data collected/assessed numbers.
 - Wesley Hawks asked what the goal of Objective 8 is. There are no goals or outcomes listed in the objectives, and perhaps we want to add sustainable groundwater levels as an outcome/metric. Management does not define the goal of the objective. Also group members suggested that we might want to use more specific metrics relevant to the objectives that we would like to achieve versus number of studies or projects.
 - **Action Item:** Group members should give some thought to how we are addressing Objective 8 of the Plan (http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/PhaseIIPlan_Chapter-Seven_Objectives-and-Resource-Management-S.pdf - Page 198) and the associated resource management strategies and whether we could be doing more to achieve this objective. Particular attention should be paid to whether number of projects is an appropriate metric or otherwise i.e., outcomes resulting from projects. Please send your feedback to Bob Harrington (bharrington@inyocounty.us) and Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by **Friday, October 18.**
 - **Action Item:** Holly will summarize the notes and discussion for Objective 8 and will draft suggested revisions to the objective and associated RMSs.
 - ii. Feedback from Objective 6
 - Holly reported that she did not receive any feedback on the suggested revisions to Objective 6. After all the objectives are reviewed, the Group will look at the list of objectives and RMS as a whole and approve changes or make further revisions.
- d. Report from 501(c)(3) working committee
- Bob reported that he has not made significant progress on this item; however, any feedback from the group is welcome.
 - **Action Item:** Group members should give some thought to what they think about forming a 501(c)(3) and give their feedback to Mark (mdrew@caltrout.org) and Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by **Friday, October 25.**
- e. Report on Roundtable of Regions Sept. 18 Workshop
- Mark reported that he and Holly attended the workshop in Sacramento, which was also attended by representatives from IRWMPs throughout the state. Mark said that he will disperse some notes and PowerPoint presentations from the workshop. The main topics addressed at this workshop were general coordination with DWR, internal coordination within DWR, support for DACs, technical assistance programs, and funding. Ideas on these topics were generated and captured and the purpose was to

give the feedback to DWR.

- f. DWR's IRWM Plan Review Process
- Holly began by stating that we are in need of people to discuss objectives during the group meetings. She then passed around a sheet for signup.
 - Holly reported that there is a new plan review process that DWR is implementing for the Round 3 Implementation Grant. The process includes submitting the IRWM Plan to DWR for approval before a region can apply for the Round 3 Implementation Grant. If the Plan is not approved then we will not be able to apply for Round 3. The Program Office will submit the plan to DWR prior to Round 3 funding. The DWR standards for the plan review process are listed on the website in the news items. There is currently a public review process that closes on October 18. The Plan needs to be submitted six months prior to grant application time to allow enough time for review. Holly said we are generally in pretty good shape except for the climate change section which they will be looking at soon. She encourages Group member to take a look at the standards and contact Holly if you have any questions or comments.
 - **Action Item:** Group members should review DWR's Draft Plan Review Process at <http://inyo-monowater.org/2013/09/department-of-water-resources-announces-irwm-draft-plan-review-process/>. If you would like the Program Office to submit comments to DWR on your behalf, send them to Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by **Wednesday, October 16**.

***** 10 Minute Break*****

6. Round 1 Implementation Grant Update (20 minutes)
- a. Plan Performance and Monitoring
- There was no news to report on this issue. Program Office will attempt to present ideas during next meeting.
- b. Reporting & invoicing – Central Sierra RC&D, Program Office
- Leroy began by explaining that he asked that an update regarding invoicing be placed on this agenda because he is concerned about how much time invoicing for this grant has taken and the fact that none of the project proponents has yet been paid.
 - Mark reported that the Program Office has spent roughly \$15,000 out of the \$28,000 allotted and has submitted invoicing paperwork to Central Sierra through June 30. The next reporting period is due on Oct. 21.
 - Leroy reported that he has asked Central Sierra for their administrative financials and has asked Jen Wong for an update on where Invoice #1 stands. Jen reported that she just sent the latest revisions to Valerie and the invoice looks good. There is an informal amendment that needs to be pushed through and then Invoice #1 can be processed, after which it will likely be 45 – 60 days until project proponents are paid. The current pressing work is that Jen needs to update the invoicing spreadsheet and get a wet signature from Valerie. She also said that in the future project proponents should have an easier time with reporting because they can use the template that she provided. Jen also confirmed that the next invoice can combine several quarters to move things along.
 - **Action Item:** Jen Wong will contact Valerie Klinefelter about needing a wet signature on the invoicing form to move forward with Invoice #1.
- c. Develop recommendation regarding letter to Central Sierra RC&D
- Not discussed.
- d. Project Progress reports
- Dan Jenkins said that he is working on the final report for the Coleville High School

- project.
 - Irene reported that they are a little behind schedule due to one of the wells having a boulder in it. The RFP has yet to go out. However, the project is still expected to move forward this season even if it happens after the snow falls.
 - Bob reported that he has no updates for Inyo County.
 - Harvey said that the Hilltop Well project is still on schedule. The pressurization system is moving forward and he expects that there is approximately sixth months left of work
 - Dan Jenkins reported for the Round Valley School that the wells are all done and some of the connections and the trenching and piping are ready. The project is about 50% complete
 - Mark and Holly reported on the Tecopa project saying the preliminary findings on the study will be rolled out at a community meeting on October 9. He and Holly plan to attend along with Ryan Christensen of Bristlecone Media, who will capture footage for the documentary.
7. Round 2 Implementation (10 minutes)
- a. Preliminary recommendations, if applicable
 - Mark reported that he talked with Tracie Billington from Department of Water Resources this morning and we will hear about the funding recommendation very soon. He said there was \$9 million requested by four regions in the Lahontan Funding Area and \$3.9 available.
8. Salt & Nutrient Management Planning (15 minutes)
- a. Indian Wells Valley planning update
 - Leroy reported that the Indian Wells study is on schedule and they plan on having it done by the end of December. He also said that the appropriate entities at Indian Wells Valley have agreed to making this plan a three-part plan where Inyo County would be the second part and Mono County would be the third part of the plan. This would buy the counties and additional two years in writing their plans. Mark said that the next step would be the Counties to bring this up to their boards. Cindy said that she could assist with introducing the topic to the County boards.
 - b. Coordination with Inyo and Mono Counties
 - Mark reported that the Program Office has no progress to report on regarding reaching out to the counties about doing a salt and nutrient plan.
 - **Action Item:** Cindy Wise will reach out to Bob Harrington and Heather deBethizy for further discussion on salt and nutrient management planning and coordinate a plan for bringing the topic up at their county board meetings.
9. Upcoming events (10 minutes)
- a. CRWA Training: Rates and rate structures (October 21 in Bishop; October 22 in Mammoth Lakes)
 - Holly reported that California Rural Water Association has held five trainings so far this year. They have been very well received and we have another series coming this October 21 and 22 on Rates and Rate Structures. One will be in Bishop and one will be in Mammoth. Please visit the website for more information and flyers <http://inyo-monowater.org/2013/09/water-system-rates-and-rate-structures-workshop-oct-21-22/>
 - b. CRWA Training: Sampling Procedures and Emergency Preparedness (November 14 in Bishop)
 - The last training session for the California Rural Water Association this year is November 14. The day will contain two separate trainings with one on sampling procedures and another on emergency preparedness. Flyers for this training will be distributed shortly and information will be available on the website by early next week.

- c. Maps 101 Courses
 - Holly reported that we have an upcoming Maps 101 course that Janet developed that was done as a response to survey feedback and a CDPH mapping tool that recently came out. The course is designed to build capacity and show people how to make general maps. Janet is working with the counties to coordinate other with their necessary standards and should have an announcement on the timing of the course soon.
 - d. North Lahontan Regional Forum
 - Holly reported that The North Lahontan Regional Water Forum will be Oct. 10. The closest in-person attendance option is in South Lake Tahoe. The forum will be webcast and offers a conference calling option for those that cannot attend in person. Information on the forum can be found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/2013/09/second-north-lahontan-forum-oct-10/> .
 - e. Great Basin Water Forum and Great Basin Climate Forum
 - Holly reported that the Great Basin Climate Forum will be held October 16: <http://inyo-monowater.org/2013/09/southern-great-basin-climate-forum-series-oct-16/>. In addition, the Great Basin Water Forum is holding its annual meeting in Bishop. There is a field trip on Oct. 17 which she believes is already full but you can be added to the waiting list. The actual Water Forum will be on Oct. 18 at the Tri-County Fairgrounds and will review current issues of water management in the Great Basin. .
 - f. Water Plan Plenary
 - There will be an annual public plenary meeting for the California Water Plan Update 2013 October 29 & 30. The meeting will be in Sacramento at the Red Lion Inn.
 - g. USEPA Tribal Conference
 - Darla reported that the Tribal/EPA Conference is scheduled for October 23 & 24 in Lemoore, CA. The conference will showcase the EPA and tribes working together. Federal agencies will be there to discuss future mandates and what the tribes are doing to address the mandates. More information is available at <http://region9tribal-epaconference.com/>.
 - h. DWR Geology Field Trip
 - Mark reported that there is a group from DWR that will be doing a field trip to the eastern Sierra Oct. 1-3 to learn about the regions hydrogeology.
 - i. IRWM Strategic Planning Workshops
 - Mark reported that the IRWM Strategic Planning Workshops are part of DWR's effort to think and brainstorm about long term programmatic efforts for statewide IRWM. The planning has already included an initial round of workshops that was focused on the big picture. The next set of workshops will be able looking at specific objectives and strategies to support the goals. October and November is the next round of workshops. More information can be found at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/stratplan/index.cfm> .
 - j. IRWM Draft Plan Review Process Workshops
 - Reported in 5f.
10. General Updates (15 minutes)
- a. Forest Planning
 - Mark reported that Forest Planning is moving forward. The Inyo National Forest is set to release their forest assessment plan soon and will have some public workshops to get feedback. They will then use the new assessment plan to move forward with a new management plan.

- b. Water Bond
 - The current news is that they are going to try to combine the senate and assembly bills to one totaling \$6-7 billion dollars. They are hoping to take this new bill to the governor by January 2014 and move forward with marketing efforts to get the bill to pass. There will be more news forthcoming.
 - c. IRWM Strategic Plan Process
 - Not reported.
 - d. Sierra Water Workgroup
 - The SWWG was started as a way to combine efforts in Sierra water planning. However, the conferences have been a lot of work and the Program Office is unsure whether future participation is a good use of resources. The Program Office is currently evaluating whether this is something that they should spend more time on in the future.
11. Announcements, process check, meeting dates (5 minutes)
Next RWMG Meetings (proposed):
- Wednesday, November 20, 2013 – probably in the north.
12. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 minutes)
- Maya reviewed the action and decision items.
13. Guest Speaker
- No speaker this month due to South Lahontan Regional Forum meeting immediately following Group meeting.

Meeting adjourned: Leroy adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm