



# Meeting Summary

## Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

USFS Supervisors Office Conference Room  
351 Pacu Lane  
Bishop, CA 93514

Call-in option:  
1-866-210-1669  
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Please RSVP to the Group meeting by emailing Janet Hatfield ([Janet@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:Janet@inyo-monowater.org)) by **Friday, January 17, 2014 by 5:00 pm** and indicate whether you will be *attending in person or via phone*.

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### Call-in locations:

1. Inyo County Water Department  
135 South Jackson St.  
Independence, CA
2. deBethizy Remote Office  
9410 Trooper Trail  
Bozeman, MT
3. Hawks Residence  
2068 N Palm Ave.  
Upland, CA 91784
4. Lone Pine Paiute-Shonshone Reservation  
1101 E-Sha Lane  
Lone Pine, CA 93545
5. Clark Residence  
637 John Muir Road  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-3328

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## ACTION AND DECISION ITEMS

### Decision Items:

- Irene Yamashita made the motion to approve the December 11, 2013, Group meeting minutes. Leroy Corlett seconded. All approved.
- Peter Bernasconi made the motion to have Leroy Corlett, Justin Nalder, and Irene Yamashita be appointed to the Admin. Committee and Bruce Woodworth replace Heather deBethizy's seat if she steps down. Bruce Woodworth seconded the motion. All approved.

### Action Items:

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- Knock, knock! Who's there? You! You who? You are great for reading this meeting summary. Thank you for all of your efforts.

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
  2. Public Comment (5 minutes)
  3. Decision Items (15 minutes)
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    - b. **Approve 2014 Administrative Committee membership as listed below:** The Admin. Committee invites any interested members to participate in new two year term but if no other members volunteer, three of the four members below need to be selected by the RWMG.  
  
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      - Mono County- Heather deBethizy  
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  4. Future of the Inyo - Mono IRWMP Program (30 minutes)
    - a. Visioning Survey Responses
    - b. Proposed Way Forward
      - i. Program Office 501(c)(3) development
      - ii. Need for discretionary funding
      - iii. Need for development staff
    - b. Desired outcome for meeting, next steps
  5. Annual Financial Update(20 min)
    - a. Planning Grant 1
    - b. Planning Grant 2
    - c. DAC Grant
    - d. Round 1 Implementation
  6. Round 2 Planning Grant (45 minutes)
    - a. Discussion: Phase II Plan Revisions
      - i. Plan revision process update
      - ii. Goals
      - iii. Feedback from Objective 2
    - b. **Topic:** Objective 1of IRWM Plan: *Protect, Conserve, Optimize, and Augment Water Supply While Maintaining Ecosystem Health –Bruce Woodworth*
    - c. Project solicitation process and needs
      - i. Finance Plan
      - ii. Round 3 Implementation
      - iii. Special Environment Project
- \*\*\*\*\*10 Minute Break\*\*\*\*\***
7. Integration with Inyo and Mono County (20 minutes)
    - a. General Plans

8. Implementation Grant Updates (15 minutes)
  - a. Round 1
    - i. Project Updates
  - b. Round 2
    - i. Update on final awards
    - ii. Proposal and response letters on website
9. General Updates (45 minutes)
  - a. Salt & Nutrient Management Planning Coordination
  - b. Drought
  - c. World Water Day 2014
10. Announcements, process check, meeting dates (5 minutes)  
Next RWMG Meetings (proposed):
  - Wednesday, March 26, 2014
11. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 minutes)

## AGENDA

### Meeting was opened by Leroy Corlett at 9:35 am

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
 

**Attending in Person:**

  - Rick Kattelmann, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, Inyo–Mono IRWMP
  - Mark Drew, California Trout, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
  - Darla Heil, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
  - Bruce Woodworth, Mono County RCD
  - Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group
  - BryAnna Vaughan, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Big Pine CSD
  - Brittini Brown, Bishop Paiute Tribe
  - Wesley Hawks, Crystal Crag Water and Development Association
  - Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Owens Valley Committee
  - Irene Yamashita, Mammoth Community Water District
  - Harvey VanDyke, Wheeler Crest CSD
  - Janet Hatfield, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
  - Maya Weinhart, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
  - Heather Crall, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
  - Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
  - Justin Nalder, Bridgeport Indian Colony
  - Linda Wimberly, Bridgeport Indian Colony
  - Peter Bernasconi, Town of Mammoth Lakes

**Calling in:**

  - Matt Hays, Lone Pine Paiute – Shoshone Reservation
  - Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club
2. Public Comment (5 minutes)

- No public comment

3. Decision Items (10 minutes)

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- Mark Drew reported that we have three seats currently open on the Admin. Committee. Mark then posed a question to the Group: of the four people mentioned above who have expressed interest (noted in the 2014-15 Two Year Term section above), whom should we choose for new two-year terms for the Admin. Committee? He mentioned that based on a prior conversation with Heather deBethizy we might need to replace her spot, and she may be willing to step down prior to the end of the completion of her term to accommodate another, new member serving on the Admin. Committee
- There was some discussion amongst the group of whether to replace Heather now or later. There was then a motion made by Peter Bernasconi on appointing Leroy Corlett, Bruce Woodworth, and Irene Yamashita now and replacing Heather with Justin Nalder after Heather steps down. Bruce suggested he be the one who replaces Heather at the appropriate time and then the revised motion was agreed upon and made.
- **Decision Item:** Peter Bernasconi made the motion to have Leroy Corlett, Justin Nalder, and Irene Yamashita be appointed to two-year terms on the Admin. Committee and Bruce Woodworth replace Heather deBethizy's seat if she steps down. Bruce Woodworth seconded the motion. All approved.
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4. Future of the Inyo - Mono IRWMP Program (30 minutes)

- a. Visioning Survey Responses
  - Mark reported that there was some feedback given to the group through an online survey posted on the Inyo-Mono IRWMP website. Twelve people provided their thoughts for the future of Inyo-Mono IRWMP.
  - Holly provided a brief overview of the responses which included people seeing value in maintaining the program, people like the collaboration and communication, and they are happy about having a voice in Sacramento. People thought priorities should include matching project needs with funding, diversifying our funding sources, and more of a focus on hiring a grant writer. People liked the current structure of the organization and asked for more upper level County representation. There was some feedback on a "pay to play" program, but there was also mention that this type of program would push

away stakeholders that couldn't pay. There was also mention of forming a 501(c)(3) and adding more of an education element to the Program.

- **Action Item:** The Program Office will make visioning survey responses available on the Inyo-Mono IRWMP website. The responses are available for viewing at [http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/IM\\_PG2\\_visioningSurveyResults\\_ha\\_20140106.pdf](http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/IM_PG2_visioningSurveyResults_ha_20140106.pdf)
- Wesley Hawks asked how the Inyo-Mono IRWMP structure compares to other IRWMPs? Mark said that there are 46 IRWMP regions in CA and there is a lot of diversity amongst them. A good portion of them operate under an MOU governance structure. Mark also mentioned that we are unique among IRWMPs because we are providing capacity building activities and more broadly have an IRWM Program that focuses on more than just proposal development and implementation projects. Other IRWMPs have more of a focus on writing grants for project funding. Mark said we were fortunate to get the DAC grant because it provided a lot of opportunities to bring educational resources to the community. Mark also said that a very bare bones operation of Inyo-Mono IRWMP would cost approximately \$30,000/year. Mark also noted that the Program currently operates with a budget of approximately \$250,000-300,000/year and that somewhere close to this amount is needed to continue funding a similar level of programmatic activities. In contrast, a bare bones Program would only consist of a couple meetings a year and no support activities.
- The Group gave some suggestions of finding funding sources by engaging LADWP or SCE and Peter Bernasconi suggested looking at how the Mono Lake Committee fundraises as a model.
- b. Proposed Way Forward
  - i. Program Office 501(c)(3) development
- Rick Kattelman reported that there was some work started a couple years ago by him and Bruce Woodworth. The result of the past work included research on what it would take to start a 501(c)(3). In general it is not too complicated. The first step includes filing an application along with a fee (of an unknown amount; thought to be a few hundred dollars). Justin Nalder mentioned the Bridgeport Indian Colony could potentially help with funding for the fee.
- There was then a discussion amongst the Group on the details of forming a 501(c)(3). Bruce mentioned that the Group should be aware that forming a 501(c)(3) is not complicated; however, it can be a very lengthy process and requires a significant amount of time. BryAnna Vaughan asked if anything about the IRWMP would change under a 501(c)(3), and Mark responded that there would inevitably be some changes to the structure of the Group. These will be discussed more in-depth at the March meeting. Irene Yamashita asked what funding opportunities we were missing by not having a different structure and Mark said an example of funding is the Lahontan RWQCB Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) funding. The SEP program will be looking for someone to administer their grants, and if we were a 501(c)(3) we could jump on that opportunity more readily.
- Mark asked the Group if they can provide direction for the Program Office to begin working on identifying what a 501(c)(3) would look like. Bruce suggested that the Admin. Committee would be more appropriate for leading this work. There was some discussion on what process would be most efficient and the result was the Admin. Committee can do the work with Program Office support.
- **Action Item:** The Admin. Committee will take the lead the next steps with respect to developing a 501(c)(3) with help from the Program Office and will come back with recommendations to the Group at the March meeting.
  - ii. Need for discretionary funding
    - Briefly discussed in item 4a
  - iii. Need for development staff
    - Discussed in item 4b
- c. Desired outcome for meeting, next steps
  - Noted in the above action item

5. Annual Financial Update (15 min)
  - Mark began by saying that Holly has put a lot of work into administering these grants and he would like to thank her for her work.
    - a. Planning Grant 1
      - Holly reported the Planning Grant 1 is fully done. We have received all funds from DWR and have fully reported on all work.
    - b. Planning Grant 2
      - Holly reported that we have spent \$82,000, which is about ¼ of the funding. Most of the work completed thus far has been in Task 1 which includes meetings and grant administration, and we will likely need to add more hours to that category. The current end date of the grant agreement is June 30, 2015.
    - c. DAC Grant
      - Holly reported that Task 1 has been done for a while and we're looking at finishing up Tasks 2 & 3 soon. Overall we still have about \$200,000 to spend in the grant, and while the grant is supposed to go to June 2014, the Program Office will be asking DWR for an extension to allow enough time to do more work on the grant.
      - Mark asked the Group if there was an additional \$5,000 - \$10,000 to spend what would the Group be interested in doing? Bruce asked if there can be some money saved for future grantwriting assistance for DACs. Mark said that they are looking at having some grant writing workshops; however, Prop. 84 funding cannot be used explicitly to write grants. Also Mark mentioned another reason why we can't put money aside for assistance with future grantwriting is that we can only receive money after we invoice for completed work within the grant period.
      - Holly said that the Program Office is in the process of completing Invoice #8 and should have that submitted by the end of the month.
    - d. Round 1 Implementation
      - Holly reported that CalTrout/Program Office will need to move some hours around within their tasks to accommodate the work that needs to get done during the grant. Currently, Mark and Holly are spending minimum time on this grant.
      - **Action Item:** The Program Office will make a detailed breakdown of the financial report available on the Inyo-Mono IRWMP website at [http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Copy-of-IM\\_IRWMP\\_2014\\_financialReport\\_ha.xlsx](http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Copy-of-IM_IRWMP_2014_financialReport_ha.xlsx)
6. Round 2 Planning Grant (40 minutes)
  - Mark began this section by providing a brief update on the projects of the Planning Grant 2. The West Walker Project has begun and there have been several meetings to discuss the process of developing a restoration plan for the West Walker area. An initial meeting was conducted to engage the landowners who had brought this project forward. A course or timeline for the project has been decided with a future meeting to be held in March 2014. The project should be wrapped up by December 2014. The project with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, as does with the Forest Service and Ft. Independence Tribe, needs to start moving forward a bit faster from this point forward and Mark and Peter Bernasconi will be in contact to discuss the next steps soon.
    - a. Discussion: Phase II Plan Revisions
      - i. Plan revision process update
        - Holly reported that we are working on revising the Plan. There has not been much done since the last meeting but from this point forward things will begin to move faster. The deadline for submitting the revisions is the end of 2014 which is longer than initially thought.
        - **Action Item:** The Program Office is still looking for "helper elves" to help with reviewing the Plan sections highlighted in red in the table below. Contact Holly Alpert (holly@inyo-monowater.org) if you're available to help. A list of available review slots is noted by the red sections in the following image <http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Reviewer-sign-up-sheet.png>
      - ii. Goals
        - Holly reported that she and Mark are going to work on drafting goals for the Inyo-Mono

IRWMP Plan and will get back to the Group in the March meeting with proposed Plan goals.

- **Action Item:** The Program Office will come up with proposed goals for the Inyo-Mono IRWM Phase II Plan and present ideas at the March meeting.
  - iii. Feedback from Objective 2
- Holly reported that we are going to come back to this topic during the March meeting March.
  
- b. **Topic:** Objective 1 of IRWM Plan: *Protect, Conserve, Optimize, and Augment Water Supply While Maintaining Ecosystem Health –Bruce Woodworth*
  - Bruce Woodworth began the discussion by saying he thinks the narrative of Objective 1 is descriptive of issues in the region. The Objective narrative and RMSs can be found at [http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/PhaseIIPlan\\_Chapter-Seven\\_Objectives-and-Resource-Management-S.pdf](http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/PhaseIIPlan_Chapter-Seven_Objectives-and-Resource-Management-S.pdf) (page 3).
  - Bruce then said that perhaps we could have an RMS related to dedicating riparian water rights for in-stream use as a tax advantage. This concept could also be added to the ecosystem Objective. Holly then asked if we are addressing this Objective in our current work because this Objective addresses one of DWRs primary goals. Mark mentioned that we need to make sure the Objectives address our current needs or proposed future project needs because DWR will be using the Objectives as a guideline for funding awards. Holly asked if the RMSs are addressing potential future water projects that we could have. The Group thought they were being addressed.
  - There was then a brief discussion amongst the Group that if certain concepts such as water quality and water supply are addressed in more than one Objective it could help justify our case to DWR for multi-benefit projects.
  - Darla Heil asked if the Objective discussion information could be emailed to the Group prior to the meetings.
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- c. Project solicitation process and needs
  - i. Finance Plan
    - Mark said that the Program Office is working on putting together a Finance Plan which is helping us to explore funding opportunities for the IRWMP. The first step is to put together a list of potential funding opportunities and Maya has done so and the list is available at <http://inyo-monowater.org/resources/links/alternative-funding-resources/>. The next step for the Finance Plan is to identify all the project needs of the region. We have a list started in the Phase II Plan and will need more projects submitted on the online form. Along with asking people to fill out the online form with project needs Maya will be personally contacting people for project solicitation information. Mark encouraged Group members to go to the IRWMP project solicitation page and submit any projects they can think of. The projects all need to somehow tie back to the Objectives or at the very least to the concept of water.
    - **Action Item:** Group members should start looking at potential future water projects and input those projects on the online form at <http://inyo-monowater.org/resources/project-upload/> (Password: plan4water).
  - ii. Round 3 Implementation
    - Mark said that in the next six months the Program Office expects a project solicitation package to come out for the Round 3 Implementation Grant with proposals likely due by the end of the year. There is currently \$465 million available statewide and six million dollars left for the Lahontan region and six sub-regions going after the Lahontan pool. The Program Office needs to figure out how they are going to pay for the project



solicitation process and proposal development for the Round 3 Implementation Grant.

iii. Supplemental Environment Projects

- Mark reported that the SEP is an upcoming program which is going to be funded by Lahontan RWQCB mitigation money. The mitigation money (fines) assessed in the region will be put into a pool and will be available for implementation projects with the same watershed as the violation. The Lahontan Board should be approving this policy at their upcoming February 12 Board meeting and when approved will be looking for a grant administrator to administer the funds allocated to certain regions. This is an example of a future opportunity that a 501(c)(3) could be the administrator of funds although the 501(c)(3) would need to be established for some time before hand Funds could be made available in the Inyo-Mono region as early as this summer.

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

7. Integration with Inyo and Mono County (15 minutes)

a. General Plans

- Heather Crall reported that the Program Office has been looking at the objectives, goals, and policies of Inyo and Mono County general plans to see if there is integration that can happen amongst the county plans and our IRWM Plan. The idea is to have county verbiage relating to water resources (and DACs & Tribal affairs) match the Inyo-Mono IRWMPs goals and objectives as much as possible. Among other reasons integration and alignment of plans is good to do for future funding. Heather has been extracting water related policies from County documents to see where there might be verbiage that needs changing on the Inyo-Mono IRWMP end. There are common themes coming out of the research such as all entities have language concerning adequate water supply and protection of water related natural resources and surrounding ecosystem.
- There was a brief discussion amongst the Group on DACs and Tribes and how they are not mentioned in County plans. Mark said this is a topic the Program Office can bring up with the Counties at the upcoming meeting.
- A detailed overview of Heather's discussion is available at <http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Inyo-Mono-IRWM-Plan-and-County-General-Plan-Integration-Strategies.pdf> with specific topics highlighted. A description of the sections covered with the highlights is described on the last page of the link.
- **Action Item:** The Program Office will reach out to Mono County RPACs to discuss current Phase II Plan projects and solicit additional projects.

8. Implementation Grant Updates (10 minutes)

a. Round 1

i. Project Updates

- Holly provided some brief project updates on the Implementation projects. The Tecopa Feasibility Study is done. There is still a bit of work left with invoicing on this project.
- The Inyo County projects are still in the design phase. Both are hoping to start the on-the-ground work this summer.
- Irene Yamashita reported that MCWD is still working to decide which two wells to profile. They found that one of the wells had good water quality, so they are searching for a second well. They are hoping to get the RFP done this spring and begin the work in late spring.
- Harvey VanDyke said his project is on schedule. Within a month they will be physically done and will need to do some water quality testing. By the end of the quarter the project should be fully done. Unfortunately, they are over budget by about \$25,000.
- Mark reported that the Round Valley project should be completed by the end of the month and they are very happy with the quality of the well that is going in.
- Holly provided a brief update on invoicing for the grant. The Invoice 1 check should arrive by the end of this month. Invoice 2 draft has been reviewed by DWR and the comments were returned to Valerie Klinefelter for editing last week. Invoice 2 should be submitted as final within a month.

b. Round 2

i. Update on final awards

- Mark reported that final recommendations are in the executive approval stage. We do not expect the initial recommendations to change, at least with respect to the Inyo-Mono proposal.

ii. Proposal and response letters on website

- Mark reported that we have posted the grant proposal and response letters to the award recommendations to the Inyo-Mono website: <http://inyo-monowater.org/inyo-mono-irwm-plan-2/implementation/round-2-implementation-grant/>

9. General Updates (30 minutes)

a. Salt & Nutrient Management Planning Coordination

- Leroy Corlett reported that the Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group has put together a draft of the Salt & Nutrient Management Plan and will submit and present it to the Lahontan Board in March. It was suggested to have this plan be in three phases where Kern County would be the first phase, Inyo County would be the second phase, and Mono County would be the final phase. This would buy Mono and Inyo Counties some time in creating a plan. The offer for Inyo and Mono Counties to join was communicated and there has not been a response. Mark said that he is not sure where the counties are in this process but that he would talk with Heather deBethizy about Mono County's progress. Irene suggested that DWP should be part of the conversation because they would feel the most repercussions on the Inyo County end.

b. Drought

- Mark said that the Inyo-Mono IRWMP has been working on figuring out if there's a role that the Program and Group can play in getting out information about the current drought. He said at a minimum there is key education and outreach work that can be done. Mark said that the Program Office has reached out to Mono and Inyo Counties, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, and DWP and has received no response from anyone but Mono County.
- Mark asked if anyone in the Group is doing anything right now in terms of the drought and is there something we can partner with? Leroy said that IWVWD is implementing a 20 gallons/day campaign and Alan Bacock said that the Big Pine Paiute Tribe is going to create a task force to look at ways to address the upcoming issues of the drought.
- Alan Bacock said that part of a declaration from the Governor is that DWR is responsible for doing a drought management campaign and there could be some funding opportunities available through DWR to implement local campaigns for them.
- Irene said that the state board has put out a letter that states junior water rights will be enforced relative to senior rights. Irene said they are looking at rewriting the codebook for water restrictions and how to enforce those. Irrigation in town is being looked at because it is the biggest user of water. Water district is looking at different scenarios for water supply.
- Bryanna Vaughan said the Bishop Paiute Tribe is doing irrigation efficiency workshops some kids programming at Minaret Vista.

c. World Water Day 2014

- Mark reported that "water and energy" is the theme for this year's World Water Day, which is on March 22. The Program Office is looking to focus on the drought theme this year. The Program Office is looking at partnering with already existing programs to expand event offerings. Heather and Andrew Skaggs are meeting tomorrow to discuss the preliminary education program options to address the drought.
- There was then a brief discussion on whether there are any partnerships on this event that can happen and Irene said there might be some opportunities in partnering with MCWD on programming activities and Alan Bacock said the Big Pine Paiute Tribe has resources available to assist including financial resources.
- The Group then had a discussion how the current drought is an excellent opportunity for the Inyo-Mono IRWMP to bring its name to the forefront in assisting with drought education programming and resources. There was some discussion on reaching out to

LADWP and SCE for potential funding for drought education resources. Danna Stroud suggested reaching out to the local media to offer information on the drought and the resources we are providing. Also, Danna suggested reaching out to the local Tourism Bureaus and seeing if they would like to partner on sending out any information.

- **Action Item:** The Program Office will reach out to DWP and SCE to discuss options for engagement and co-sponsorship of activities such as drought education or World Water Day.

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- Maya Weinhart reviewed the action and decision items.