



# DRAFT Meeting Summary

## Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Fort Independence Tribe Community Room  
131 North Highway 395  
Independence, CA 93526

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

**Please RSVP to the Group meeting by emailing Maya Weinhart ([Maya@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:Maya@inyo-monowater.org)) by **Friday, March 14, 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. Forest Service Supervisors Office  
351 Pacu Lane  
Bishop, CA
3. deBethizy  
9410 Trooper Trail  
Bozeman, MT
4. Bridgeport Indian Colony  
355 Sage Brush Drive  
Bridgeport, CA 93517
5. Big Pine Tribal Environmental  
Office  
820 Watson St.  
Big Pine, CA
6. Bishop Paiute Tribe  
50 Tu Su Lane  
Bishop, CA
7. Woodworth  
824 Burcham Flat Rd.  
Coleville, CA
8. VanDyke  
107 Pinion Drive  
Swall Meadows, CA

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## ACTION AND DECISION ITEMS

### Decision Items:

- Darla Heil made the motion to approve the January 22, 2014, meeting summary. Malcolm Clark seconded. All approved.
- Rick Kattelman made the motion to approve Leroy Corlett as Administrative Committee Chair and Alan Bacock as Vice Chair. Darla seconded. All approved.
- Mark Drew made the motion that the Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group supports the formation of a 501(c)(3). Rick seconded. All approved.
- Rick made the motion to sign the Sierra Water Work Group MOU. Bruce seconded. All approved.

### Motion of Support:

- Mark made the motion to move forward with the name of Eastern California Water Association. Rick seconded. All approved.

### Action Items:

- The Program Office is requesting that any entity who would like to submit a project to the RWMG for consideration during the drought round of funding, whether or not your project is currently part of the IRWM Plan, contact Holly at the Program Office ([holly@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:holly@inyo-monowater.org)). We ask that you first review the drought funding round draft PSP (to be released about April 1) to ensure your project(s) meets the requirements.
- If any entity has projects it would like to add to the IRWM Plan specifically for the drought funding round, please submit it to the online form (<http://inyo-monowater.org/members/>) by **April 15**. Again, please review the draft PSP first to ensure your project qualifies for funding.
- Mark, Holly, and Irene will discuss the objectives, resource management strategies, and associated metrics that have already been discussed in RWMG meetings and will bring any recommendations to the Group. Also, if anyone has feedback on the Goals as currently written, please send them to Holly at [holly@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:holly@inyo-monowater.org).
- Pete Bernasconi will send the Lahontan Basin Plan, including a specific reference to one paragraph, to Holly for review for Objective 7.

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
2. Public Comment (5 minutes)
3. Quick Decision Items (15 minutes)
  - a. **Approve January 22, 2014, Meeting Summary**
  - b. **Approve 2014 Administrative Committee Chair and Vice-Chair until June 30, 2014**
    - Leroy Corlett, Chair
    - Alan Bacock, Vice-Chair
    - 
    - 2014 One Year Term Remaining
      - Sierra Club - Malcolm Clark
      - Big Pine Paiute Tribe - Alan Bacock
      - Mono County RCD - Bruce Woodworth
    - 2014-2015 Two Year Term
      - Indian Wells Valley Water District – Leroy Corlett
      - Mammoth Community Water District - Irene Yamashita

- Bridgeport Indian Colony - Justin Nalder

4. DWR Updates (20 min)
  - a. Review of approved emergency drought legislation
  - b. Anticipated next steps
  - c. Review of DWR/IRWMP timelines
  
5. Round 2 Planning Grant (55 minutes)
  - a. Forming a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation
    - i. Review of Admin. Committee meeting
    - ii. **DECISION ITEM: The Inyo-Mono RWMG will move forward with forming a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The name of the corporation will be one of the following three options; Inyo-Mono Integrated Water Resources Foundation, Eastern Sierra Water Stewardship, Integrated Watershed Management Association. Leroy Corlett will be the incorporator.**
    - iii. **Next Steps:**
      - **File Articles of Incorporation with CA Secretary of State**
      - **Prepare bylaws**
  - b. Plan updates
    - i. Goals
    - ii. **DECISION ITEM: Approve the following as the two main goals of the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program:**
      - **The desired outcomes of efforts made by the Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group are:**
        - 1) **Hydrologically-functioning watersheds that support regional flora and fauna**
        - 2) **Sustainable livelihoods supported by access to reliable, potable water**
    - iii. Feedback from Objectives 1 and 2
    - iv. Discussion on Objectives 5 (Jeremiah Joseph) and 7 (Program Office)
    - v. Plan Standards update progress
    - vi. Update on Integration with Inyo and Mono Counties
  - c. Project solicitation
    - i. Need to develop up-to-date project list
    - ii. Revised online upload form & instructions
    - iii. Update on future implementation round(s)
    - iv. Project review process for grant applications
    - v. Next Steps

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

6. Sierra Water Work Group (20 min)
  - a. Presentation by coordinators on SWWG work, role, future
  - b. Discussion of Inyo-Mono involvement
  - c. **DECISION ITEM: The Inyo-Mono RWMG will sign the SWWG Memorandum of Understanding (included in Upcoming Meeting Materials) and designate representative and alternate**
  
7. DAC Grant (15 min)
  - a. Grant administration update
  - b. Information dissemination events
  - c. Climate change and drought information
  - d. White paper
  
8. Round 1 Implementation Grant Updates (5 minutes)
  - a. Grant administration update

- b. Project updates
9. Round 2 Implementation proposal (if applicable) (5 minutes)
  - a. Status of meeting from DWR
10. General Updates (15 minutes)
  - a. Salt & Nutrient Management Planning Coordination
  - b. World Water Day 2014 & Drought
  - c. Other upcoming events
11. Announcements, process check, meeting dates (5 minutes)  
Next RWMG Meetings (proposed):
12. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 minutes)

## MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)  
**Leroy opened the meeting at 9:35 am.**
  - Attending in person**
    - Mark Drew, California Trout
    - Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group
    - Rick Kattelman, Eastern Sierra Land Trust
    - Bruce Woodworth, Mono County RCD
    - Peter Bernasconi, Town of Mammoth Lakes
    - Darla Heil, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
    - Jordan Kelley, Amargosa Conservancy
    - Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club Range of Light Group
    - Gavin Feiger, Sierra Water Workgroup/Sierra Nevada Alliance
    - Liz Mansfield, Sierra Water Workgroup
    - Cody Bear, Sierra Water Workgroup
  - Attending via phone**
    - BryAnna Vaughan, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Big Pine CSD
    - Brittni Brown, Bishop Paiute Tribe
    - Justin Nalder, Bridgeport Indian Colony
    - Heather deBethizy, Mono County
    - Alan Bacock, Owens Valley Committee, Big Pine Paiute Tribe
    - Irene Yamashita, Mammoth Community Water District
    - Harvey VanDyke, Wheeler Crest CSD
2. Public Comment (5 minutes)
  - No public comment was mentioned.
3. Quick Decision Items (15 minutes)
  - a. **Approve January 22, 2014, Meeting Summary**
    - **Decision Item:** Darla Heil made the motion to approve the January 22, 2014, meeting summary. Malcolm Clark seconded. All approved.
  - b. **Approve 2014 Administrative Committee Chair and Vice-Chair until June 30, 2014**

- Leroy Corlett, Chair
- Alan Bacock, Vice-Chair
- Mark Drew reported that during the last Admin. Committee Meeting there was a suggestion made to keep Leroy Corlett as Chair and Alan Bacock as Vice Chair until June 30, 2014.
- **Decision Item:** Rick Kattelmann made the motion to approve Leroy Corlett as Administrative Committee Chair and Alan Bacock as Vice Chair. Darla seconded. All approved.

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4. DWR Updates (20 min)

- a. Review of approved emergency drought legislation
  - Mark reported that emergency drought legislation in California has been signed by the governor. More details can be found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/2014/03/emergency-drought-relief-bills-signed-sealed-and-delivered/>. There are still a lot of questions as to what this drought legislation will entail with respect to Prop. 84 funding. It is expected that around April 1, 2014, there will be a draft proposal solicitation package (PSP) released for the drought round of implementation funding.. It is expected that the final PSP will be released around June 1, 2014, and proposals will be due around August 1, 2014. The Round 3 Implementation Grant will still happen but not until at least early 2015. The upcoming drought round is likely going to be geared towards shovel-ready projects.
- b. Anticipated next steps
  - Mark announced that there are a couple options on how the Group can move forward with the upcoming drought round. Option one would be to pick a couple of drought-related projects from Rounds 1 and 2 Implementation proposals that were not funded, and submit them for the drought round. Option two would include picking drought-related projects out of the big list of approved regional projects from the Phase II Plan and create a proposal. Option one would result in less work because those projects already have full proposals complete from previous Implementation applications.
  - There was some discussion amongst the Group on which option to choose. Peter Bernasconi suggested picking out of the short list of already submitted projects. Justin Nalder suggested allowing new projects into the mix. Program Office members reminded the Group that there is a lot of work involved in getting the projects ready for submittal. Rick Kattelmann suggested that people who are interested in submitting new projects need to somehow demonstrate that they either have the human or financial resources or both to pull the projects together for the proposal. Bruce Woodworth mentioned that he would like new projects to have the opportunity to be considered for this grant round. The Group then agreed that entities who are interested in submitting a project for the upcoming drought round should contact Holly Alpert with interest after the draft PSP has been released.
  - Mark also brought up the point of who would be the fiscal agent and suggested perhaps Inyo County might be interested again. Several Group members suggested that whoever applies for the funding should consider being the fiscal agent. Mark also reminded the Group that there is currently no funding nor allocated staff time to pull together a proposal.

- **Action Item:** The Program Office is requesting that any entity who would like to submit a project to the RWMG for consideration during the drought round of funding, whether or not your project is currently part of the IRWM Plan, contact Holly at the Program Office ([holly@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:holly@inyo-monowater.org)). We ask that you first review the drought funding round draft PSP (to be released about April 1) to ensure your project(s) meets the requirements.
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- c. Review of DWR/IRWMP timelines
- Discussed above.
5. Round 2 Planning Grant (55 minutes)
- a. Forming a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation
- i. Review of Admin. Committee meeting
  - ii. **DECISION ITEM:** The Inyo-Mono RWMG will move forward with forming a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The name of the corporation will be one of the following three options; Inyo-Mono Integrated Water Resources Foundation, Eastern Sierra Water Stewardship, Integrated Watershed Management Association. Leroy Corlett will be the incorporator.
- Mark reported that the Admin. Committee recently met and discussed several items pertaining to the formation of the 501(c)(3). The items discussed were the entity name, bylaws, and whether the process of moving forward with the 501(c)(3) should be pursued. Irene Yamashita mentioned that these seem like three separate decision items. Therefore, Mark began by asking whether the Group thought there was value in moving forward with forming a 501(c)(3) that could support the Inyo-Mono IRWMP with its future endeavors.
  - **Decision Item:** Mark Drew made the motion that the Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group supports the formation of a 501(c)(3). Rick seconded. All approved.
  - There was a brief discussion on what role the Inyo-Mono IRWMP should play in the formation of the nonprofit and it was decided that the Group would step away from the process from this point forward, and that potential nonprofit board members should move the process forward from this point on. The new nonprofit interim board was suggested to be the Admin. Committee, and Irene Yamashita asked if she could not be included on the nonprofit board. Leroy Corlett will be in charge of the next steps which include filing articles of incorporation with the California Secretary of State, confirming the entity name, and approving the bylaws.
  - There was then a brief discussion on the potential name suggestions for the nonprofit and a motion of support was made for the following name.
  - **Motion of Support:** Mark made the motion to move forward with the name of Eastern California Water Association. Rick seconded. All approved.
  - Eastern California Watershed Association
- iii. **Next Steps:**
    - File Articles of Incorporation with CA Secretary of State
      - As discussed above Leroy will move forward with this process.
    - Prepare bylaws
      - The nonprofit interim board will move forward with this process.
- b. Plan updates
- i. Goals
  - ii. **DECISION ITEM:** Approve the following as the two main goals of the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program:
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- Holly Alpert introduced the two goal statements mentioned above as the proposed goals for the Inyo-Mono IRWMP.
- There was a brief discussion amongst the Group whether the goals are appropriate, and Irene suggested that perhaps the objectives should be turned into the goals. Then Bruce suggested changing the word “hydrologically” to “functioning”. Some Group members asked about the difference between objectives and goals, and Jordan Kelly clarified that goals are what you want to do and objectives are specific statements of how you’re going to get it done. After some more discussion it was decided that Mark, Holly, and Irene should revisit the goals and objectives and bring it back for a decision at a later time.
- **Action Item:** Mark, Holly, and Irene will revisit the objectives, resource management strategies, and associated metrics that have already been discussed in RWMG meetings and will bring any recommendations to the Group. Also, if anyone has feedback on the Goals as currently written, please send them to Holly at [holly@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:holly@inyo-monowater.org).
- iii. Feedback from Objectives 1 and 2
  - Holly reported that she will be circulating proposed revisions on objectives later in the month for approval. She made the revisions suggested in previous meetings’ objectives discussions.
- iv. Discussion on Objectives 5 and 7 (Program Office)
  - Holly began the discussion reiterating that there are two main questions that we are looking to answer when reviewing the objectives. The first question is whether the projects that the IRWMP is working on help us to meet the objectives and are using the RMSs, and do the objectives and RMSs address the needs of the region?
  - In regards to Objective 5 there were suggestions made to change from the “number” of efforts to the “benefits” realized. There was a suggestion to add fuels reduction as an additional RMS with a metric of community acreage and biomass. In 5.7 it was suggested that instead of “limiting” education to put “promote” education. In RMS 5.3 to add the language of drought and develop and implement integrated drought preparedness measures. In 5.3 it was also suggested to change the language from “systems” to “sources” to encompass a broader meaning. The word “adaptation” was suggested to be added to the objective. In 5.2 add timely and reliable.
  - In regards to Objective 7 there was a suggestion made of expanding 7.6 to include “expanding land use policies for sustainable development”. Integrated land use policies is a term that should be used. Also to add language of review of policy and/or planning.
  - **Action Item:** Pete Bernasconi will send the Lahontan Basin Plan, including a specific reference to one paragraph, to Holly for review for Objective 7.
- v. Plan Standards update progress
  - Holly reported that the Plan Standards will likely need to be finished by July to be eligible for the drought funding round, and the Program Office will be revising the timeline to get it done on time.
- vi. Update on Integration with Inyo and Mono Counties
  - Mark reported that he and Heather Crall have been working with the Counties and they are looking carefully at our goals and objectives and it would be good to finalize these items soon.
- c. Project solicitation
  - i. Need to develop up-to-date project list
    - Not reported
    - ii. Revised online upload form & instructions
      - Not reported
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- Note reported
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- Not reported
  - v. Next Steps
- Not reported

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6. Sierra Water Work Group (20 min)
  - a. Presentation by coordinators on SWWG work, role, future
    - Liz Mansfield of the Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG) provided a presentation on what the Work Group does and how it can be of service to the Inyo-Mono IRWMP. The full presentation can be found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SWWG-3-19-14.ppt>
    - The Sierra Water Work Group was started in 2009 as an entity to assist regional efforts to protect and enhance water quality, water supply, and watershed health; to develop cooperative regional responses; and to facilitate reinvestment in our watersheds and water resources by all beneficiaries. There are several things that the Work Group focuses on, including finding sources of funding and DACs. The SWWG has coordinated an annual Summit for the past two years that brings Sierra IRWMPs together to discuss regional issues. They will be holding another Summit this June (<http://sierranevadaalliance.givezooks.com/events/2014-sierra-water-workgroup-summit>).
    - Liz then mentioned their MOU [http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SWWG-MOU-2-18-14\\_Final.pdf](http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/SWWG-MOU-2-18-14_Final.pdf). If our Group decides to sign the MOU it would help SWWG be an advocate for Sierra IRWMPs at the State level. The main purpose behind the MOU is to get Sierra IRWMPs together as one sounding body. Irene voiced concern about someone speaking for the Inyo-Mono RWMG without the express consent of all RWMG Members. There was a discussion about how the timing of decisions works in the Inyo-Mono Program. Liz assured the Group that she is doing more education than advocacy about Sierra water issues.
  - b. Discussion of Inyo-Mono involvement
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  - a. Status of meeting from DWR



- Not reported
10. General Updates (15 minutes)
    - a. Salt & Nutrient Management Planning Coordination
      - Cindy Wise provided a brief update on the status of Salt & Nutrient Management Plans. She said that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board met last week, and all the groups that asked for extensions for their plans were granted extensions, including Inyo and Mono Counties, who can prepare their management plans pursuant to Indian Wells Valley Water District completing its plan.
    - b. World Water Day 2014 & Drought
      - The Bishop Paiute Tribe will be holding a big event for World Water Day. Inyo-Mono IRWMP and CalTrout will have tables at the event. More information can be found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/2014/03/world-water-day-at-paiute-shoshone-cultural-center-bishop/> . Sierra Club Range of Light will also have a table at the event.
      - In honor of World Water Day, Andrew Skaggs and Heather Crall will be doing three education days in schools next week to educate kids on water use and water conservation.
      - Magnets have been made with a water conservation message and will be distributed to water systems mainly in DACs but if there are magnets left then they will be distributed to other systems.
      - Mark said that he heard that LADWP will be doing a World Water Day event, but he is unsure on the details at this time.
      - On April 5, 2014 Holly will be giving a talk in Lone Pine on drought, climate change, and water conservation as part of the Metabolic Studio's 100 water conversations series. More information can be found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/2014/04/drought-water-resources-and-climate-change-conversation-april-5/>
    - c. Other upcoming events
      - Mark reported that there will be a forest planning event on April 10 that speaks to the intent of the IRWM Plan. A notice will be posted on the website.
      - On April 16 there will be a meeting to discuss the Bishop Creek Bacteriological Monitoring Project. The meeting will be held in Bishop, CA. The agenda can be viewed at <http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-admin/post.php?post=6975&action=edit> .
  11. Announcements, process check, meeting dates (5 minutes)  
Next RWMG Meetings (proposed):
  12. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 minutes)
    - Maya Weinhart reviewed the action and decision items.

**Meeting was adjourned by Leroy at 12:40.**