



Meeting Summary

Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2013
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Bishop Paiute Tribal Chambers
 Main Tribal Building
 50 Tu Su Lane
 Bishop, CA93514

Call-in option:
1-866-210-1669
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Please RSVP by emailing Maya Weinhart (maya@inyo-monowater.org) by Friday, May 17, 2013 by 5:00 pm and indicate whether you will be *attending in person or via phone*.

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Call-in locations:

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| <p>1. Inyo County Water Department
 135 South Jackson St.
 Independence, CA</p> <p>2. USFS/BLM Interagency Offices
 351 Pacu Ln
 Bishop, CA 93514</p> | <p>3. Hawks Residence
 2068 N. Palm Ave.
 Upland, CA 91784
 909-981-1335</p> <p>4. Central Sierra Resource
 Conservation
 & Development Council
 824 Burcham Flat Rd.
 Coleville, CA 96107
 530-208-5404</p> |
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RWMG MEETING PROCESS

The public will be offered the opportunity to comment on each agenda item prior to any action on the item by the membership. The public will also be offered the opportunity to address the membership on any matter pertaining to IRWMP business. Agenda items indicated as "Action" require that members undertake activities subsequent to the meeting. Agenda items indicated as "Decision" are items where the membership will make a decision on the item at the meeting. This agenda can also be viewed in the Calendar section of www.inyo-monowater.org.

All decisions of the RWMG are made by consensus as defined in Article I of the Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group Planning and Implementation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). After a motion is made by a Member, there is opportunity for discussion, and then RWMG Members are asked to vote. Members may approve a decision (thumbs up),

vote that they can live with a decision while not completely approving of it (thumbs sideways), or disapprove of a decision which withholds consensus (thumbs down). A Member may also abstain from voting, which will be interpreted as no opposition to the action. If there are no Members voting thumbs down, the decision is passed by consensus. The decision is then recorded in the meeting notes.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
 2. Public Comment (5 minutes)
 3. Quick Decision Items (5 minutes)
 - a. Approve January 23, 2013, Meeting Summary
 4. Financial Reporting (5 minutes)
 - a. Status of invoicing for Round 1 Planning Grant and DAC Grant
 5. Round 2 Planning Grant (30 minutes)
 - a. Update on grant agreement and general scope of work
 - b. Working committee solicitation (data/technology, climate change)
 - c. Discussion on Phase II Plan Implementation – Heather deBethizy
 - i. Topic: Objective 6 of IRWM Plan: *Promote participation of small and disadvantaged communities, including tribes, in IRWM process to identify and work towards meeting their needs.*
 6. Round 2 Implementation (10 minutes)
 - a. Recap of proposal process
 - b. Timing of award notification
 - c. Conditions of Inyo County serving as grantee
 7. DAC Grant (20 minutes)
 - a. Outreach efforts
 - b. February grant writing, proposal development, and cost-benefit analysis workshops
 - c. Documentary
 - d. Small water systems survey
 - e. Website
 - f. DAC legislation in California
 - g. Coordination with other DAC grant recipient regions
 - h. DAC letter to Mark Cowin
 - i. Upcoming activities
 - j. Presentation and discussion of mid-DAC grant outreach synthesis
- ***** 10 Minute Break*****
8. Introduction to Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP – Lindsay Rosasco (10 minutes)
 9. Round 1 Implementation Grant Update (15 minutes)
 - a. Administrative updates – Central Sierra RC&D
 - b. Project Progress reports
 - i. Coleville High School Water Project presentation – Dan Jenkins
 - ii. Status of other six projects

10. Round 3 Implementation (10 minutes)
 - a. Update of Round 3 funding
11. General Updates (15 Minutes)
 - a. Tribal Water Summit
 - b. IRWM Strategic Plan
 - c. IRWM Summit and Conference
 - d. Aqueduct Futures Project
 - e. World Water Day
 - f. Sierra Water Workgroup Summit
12. Announcements, process check, meeting dates (5 Minutes)
Next RWMG Meetings (proposed): July 24, September 25
13. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 Minutes)
14. Guest Speaker (30 Minutes)
Cindy Wise, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board: Salt and Nutrient Management Plans

MEETING SUMMARY

Decision Items:

- BryAnna Vaughan made a motion to approve January 23, 2013, Group Meeting Summary, Darla Heil seconded. All approved.

Action Items:

- Program Office will email Featured Member questionnaire to all people who signed up to be Featured Members during the Group meeting. Examples of the questions asked are found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/member-representative-of-the-month/>.
- If you are interested in joining either a Data Management working group or a Climate Change working group please email Janet (janet@inyo-mono.org) for the Data Management group and Holly Alpert (holly@inyo-monowater.org) for the Climate Change group, by end of June.
- Program Office will work on brainstorming some of the issues regarding working with small water systems and provide better clarity on defining some of the language in the Plan.
- Bob Harrington will coordinate with the past 501(c)3 working committee on bringing back discussions on forming a 501(c)3 to serve as a fiscal agent for future grants.
- Dan Jenkins will coordinate a call with the M7 group to get updated on where things stand on Round 1 Implementation issues.
- Program Office will begin thinking of ways to address Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Owens Valley.

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

Attending in Person

- Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group
- Peter Pumphrey, Eastern Sierra Audubon Society
- BryAnna Vaughan, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Big Pine CSD

- Darla Heil, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
- Erin Nordin, U.S.Fish & Wildlife Service
- Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club
- Irene Yamashita, Mammoth Community Water District
- Al Heinrich, June Lake Advocates
- Mark Drew, CalTrout/Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Holly Gallagher, Birchim CSD
- Bob Harrington, Inyo County Water Department
- Heather deBethizy, Mono County, Eastern Sierra Land Trust
- Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Andrew Skaggs, AmeriCorps/Caltrout
- Heather Crall, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Janet Hatfield, Inyo-Mono IRWMP
- Danna Stroud, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Jaryd Block, AmeriCorps/Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Maya Weinhart, Inyo–Mono IRWMP
- Greg James, Amargosa Conservancy
- Jeremiah Joseph, Fort Independence Indian Reservation
- Jill Paydon, IMACA
- Pat Hayes, Mammoth Community Water District
- Peter Bernasconi, Town of Mammoth Lakes
- Matthew Hays, Lone Pine Paiute/Shoshone Reservation
- Cindy Wise, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Lindsay Rosasco, Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP
- Dan Jenkins, Eastern Sierra Unified School District

Attending Via Phone

- Wesley Hawks, Crystal Crag Water and Development Association
- Justin Nalder, Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Irene Yamashita opened the meeting at 9:35 am.
- Mark Drew began the meeting by pointing out that this is the 48th Group meeting and that there's a lot going on with the program and that he would like to recognize everyone's hard work to get to this point. He also reminded the Group about the Brown Act and that anyone who is calling in needs to email the address to the Program Office 72 hours in advance of the meeting and post the agenda at the call-in location at that time.

2. Public Comment (5 minutes)

- Janet Hatfield reintroduced the Featured Member program (formerly Member of the Month). She reminded the Group that this program began because of Group interest in learning more about other members. Janet continued that it has been hard to get people's information for the Featured Member program and so we're asking people to sign up now if interested in being a Featured Member at a future date. Maya Weinhart will email the questionnaire to those interested who sign up.
- Leroy Corlett asked for forms to be emailed for the featured member program.
- **Action Item:** Program Office will email Featured Member questionnaire to all people who signed up to be Featured Members during the Group meeting. Examples of the questions asked are found at <http://inyo-monowater.org/member-representative-of-the-month/>.

3. Quick Decision Items (5 minutes)
 - a. Approve January 23, 2013, Meeting Summary
 - **Decision Item:** Mark made a motion to approve January 23, 2013 Group Meeting Summary, BryAnna Vaughan approved and Darla Heil seconded. All approved.
4. Financial Reporting (5 minutes)
 - a. Status of invoicing for Round 1 Planning Grant and DAC Grant
 - Holly Alpert reported that the end of fiscal year deadline for DWR for invoicing for both grants was met.
 - The final invoice for Planning Grant 1 was submitted. Program Office is currently working on the final report which will release the final 10% of the remaining funds to be distributed.
 - Dan Jenkins asked why there was a delay in the invoicing. Mark explained that we are ahead of the curve on invoicing and delays have been a result of learning to work with DWR and their system. He also explained that the Program Office had invoicing delays because of being occupied with work on the Round 2 Implementation Grant.
 - Irene referenced there being invoicing delays in the Round 1 Implementation grant because working with the fiscal agent proved difficult and there would be a benefit in having one standard fiscal agent, so everyone can learn how to work with them.
 - Mark acknowledged that there has been a bit of lag in getting the invoicing done due to difficulties in learning the DWR system and CalTrout being a nonprofit, which results in process differences.
 - The Program Office has caught up with all invoicing through the end of March and with Maya Weinhart now available to assist with future invoicing there should not be future delays.
5. Round 2 Planning Grant (30 minutes)
 - a. Update on grant agreement and general scope of work
 - Mark stated that on Nov. 29 we were awarded \$480,000 to support programmatic work. Tasks include climate change, data management, finance plan, and other planning projects including Town of Mammoth Lakes Storm Water Plan and others. We are close to finalizing the details of the grant agreement with DWR. As soon as the grant agreement is executed we will submit the first invoice.
 - The next steps include CalTrout working with sub-project proponents to get the grant executed so the projects can begin.
 - b. Working committee solicitation (data/technology, climate change)
 - Holly mentioned that this was brought up in January to get topic specific working groups together. Holly said that for climate change it would be great to have a group of people to talk with her about climate change and general climate topics and help her identify information that would be helpful for water managers and nonprofits.
 - Janet is looking for anyone that's interested in data management to help her focus on what data are important. She is also looking for people to help her develop curriculum for workshops and other training sessions.
 - **Action Item:** If you are interested in joining either a Data Management working

group or a Climate Change working group please email Janet (janet@inyo-mono.org) for the Data Management group and Holly Alpert (holly@inyo-monowater.org) for the Climate Change group, by end of June.

- Bob Harrington asked for access to map templates to help with having a cohesive look for the maps in projects submitted for grants.

c. Discussion on Phase II Plan Implementation – Heather deBethizy

i. Topic: Objective 6 of IRWM Plan: *Promote participation of small and disadvantaged communities, including tribes, in IRWM process to identify and work towards meeting their needs.*

**Images taken from this discussion are shown at the end of this meeting summary.*

- During the Administrative Committee meeting in March, there was a discussion on educating and engaging discussion with Group members on the objectives outlined in the Inyo-Mono IRWM Plan. Based on that conversation, Heather deBethizy of Mono County volunteered to lead a short discussion on one of the objectives to get people's input on whether we are addressing the issue adequately.
- Heather began the discussion by pointing out that the plan has mission and vision statements, as well as eight objectives which are meant to reach the goals set out in the Mission and Vision.
- Heather read Objective 6 (*Promote Participation of Small and Disadvantaged Communities, Including Tribes, in IRWM Process to Identify and Work towards Meeting Their Needs*) and the strategies associated with meeting the objective: This can also be found in Chapter Seven of the Plan: <http://inyo-monowater.org/inyo-mono-irwm-plan-2/inyo-mono-irwm-plan/>

Resource Management Strategies for Objective 6:

- 6.1. Engage regional communities and tribes in collaborative water and natural resource management related efforts.
 - 6.2. Provide assistance for tribal and DAC consultation, collaboration, and access to funding for development, implementation, monitoring, and long-term maintenance of water resource management projects.
 - 6.3. Promote public education and training programs in disadvantaged communities and tribal areas about water resource protection, pollution prevention, conservation, water quality, watershed health, and climate change.
 - 6.4. Promote social resilience in disadvantaged communities and tribes to more effectively respond to social, economic or environmental disturbances impacting water-related resources.
- Heather put a question out to the Group on whether we are addressing these strategies.
 - The Group generally felt that we are doing a good job with educating people with programs that we're currently offering including workshops on grant writing, CEQA, cost-benefit analysis, tabling events, and school education during World Water Day.
 - Darla Heil pointed out that there is additional education that happens by group members through environmental youth programming.
 - Group Members also felt we are doing a good job with providing resource

- information on the website that is accessible by all, and engaging the tribes.
- The Group generally felt that we need to address more issues with small water systems. Holly Gallagher pointed out that we are lacking information on small water systems in strategy 6.3 and 6.4, and Mark and Holly Alpert said that it was likely an oversight and will be addressed in the Plan revision. There was additional discussion on small water systems not always having the resources to participate in IRWMPs, and there was a suggestion for working on a model where a person with administrative ability can assist small water systems and tribes in applying for IRWMP grants.
- Darla Heil suggested that we participate in more tabling opportunities at tribal fairs to help get the word out about IRWMPs
- Mark Drew asked for feedback on today's discussion and all agreed that this was a good process to implement in future meetings. Irene Yamashita liked the process because it helped us identify what is important.
- **Action Item:** Program Office will discuss ways to integrate discussions on the objectives outlined in the Inyo-Mono IRWM Plan during future Group meetings.

6. Round 2 Implementation (10 minutes)

a. Recap of proposal process

- Mark recapped that the Round 2 Implementation grant was submitted two days early on March 27. We are now waiting for a response from DWR and expect to hear in October for preliminary recommendations. Mark expressed his gratitude to Holly Alpert for her hard work ensuring all grant materials were finalized to perfection. The proposal total ask was \$2.4 million.
- Mark pointed out that there was \$100 million more asked for statewide than what is available. For the Lahontan region in particular there was \$3.95 million requested by four IRWM regions.
- The projects that were submitted for funding were Big Pine Paiute Tribe/ CSD Fire Hydrant Project, Amargosa Basin Groundwater project, Independence, Lone Pine, and Laws water meter project, and Indian Wells Brackish Water Resources Study.
- Mark mentioned that this grant application process was a lot easier for the Program Office because they had the experience from the past grant application and Group members said that they liked the application-related trainings and phased deadlines during the application process.
- Irene asked how the funding for the application submittal was raised. Mark explained that there were donations by Inyo County and Indian Wells Valley Water District. However, there was not enough raised to cover the \$15,000 expense, and CalTrout will be picking up the rest which is an unsustainable model for future submittals.

b. Timing of award notification

- Addressed in section 6a.

c. Conditions of Inyo County serving as grantee

- Mark reminded the group that Inyo County gave specific instructions for serving as grantee which included:
 1. All project proponents will enter a contractual arrangement.
 2. The County has the right to refuse the grant if the terms required by DWR of the contract are not agreed upon.

3. The Regional Water Management Group should try to find a long term solution for serving as a grantee. Mark read the following statement sent by Bob:

- *The RWMG must commit to working toward forming a stable entity dedicated to acting as grantee/fiscal agent so that no single member is taking on the liability associated with DWR contracts. The Board is willing to undertake the role of grantee with the understanding that it would not continue and that the RWMG would work actively to form a non-profit entity or joint powers authority to fill the grantee role in the future. The reasoning here is that if we have an entity in place as grantee we'll retain knowledge from grant cycle to grant cycle, and not find ourselves in this position of relearning and reinventing the contracting and project monitoring process each cycle.*
- Bob Harrington said that the time period for delivering these conditions is that they should be in place for the next grant. In general Inyo County is happy to do it this time but probably does not want to do it again. These conditions are meant to guide the Group for thinking longer term. Holly G. asked if the county was to break even or make money on the process would they be interested in doing it again. Bob said that they would not be able to make money on the process.
- Holly G. asked if we need to look for a fiscal agent outside of the area and Mark said this does bring up the idea of a 501(c)(3) formation, which can begin by continuing discussions with the original 501(c)(3) working committee.
- **Action Item:** Bob Harrington will coordinate with the past 501(c)(3) working committee on bringing back discussions on forming a 501(c)(3) to serve as a fiscal agent for future grants.
- Leroy suggested that Bob speak with Doug Thompson on guidance for forming a nonprofit because he just went through the process for Desert Mountain RC&D.

7. DAC Grant (20 minutes)

a. Outreach efforts

- Holly reported that In January she, Janet, and Heather deBethizy met with Bridgeport PUD and spoke about their water issues and institutional issues.
- In the coming week, Holly is going to meet with Sierra East mobile home park which has similar issues to Bridgeport PUD.
- Holly went to quarterly meeting of the Desert Mountain RC&D in February.
- The small water system surveys which were recently mailed have become an interesting outreach tool based on the responses we are getting.

b. February grant writing, proposal development, and cost-benefit analysis workshops

- Holly reported that there were several workshops done in February focused on grant writing, proposal development, and cost-benefit analysis, The latter included an outside consultant, Kim Bonine from Conservation Strategy Fund. We put on the cost benefit analysis workshop because of a past need that was requested by the group. The workshop was well received and we will look at bringing it back.

c. Documentary

- Mark said that the Program Office has decided to work with Bristlecone Media. We are now coordinating the initial details prior to beginning work on the documentary. When the documentary is finished we hope it will serve as a great outreach tool to educate other regions on our water issues.

- d. Small water systems survey
- Holly reported that the Program Office mailed over 190 surveys to water systems throughout the Eastern Sierra. We have received about 33 responses. Please send your surveys in if you have not done so already or pick one up at the back of the room. The surveys are also available online at either the [small water system](#) or [project specific](#) survey pages. In the July meeting the Program Office will plan on presenting on the responses. The surveys are helping us understand what trainings to provide that would be helpful to small water systems.
 - California Rural Water Association is planning a round of needs assessments. The Program Office has funding for about 20 assessments from the DAC grant which will fund assessments for disadvantaged communities.
- e. Website
- Holly reported that we're using the website in a few different ways pertaining to the DAC grant including posting the Small Water System surveys and also a page which is to be used for communication with other regions that are working with DAC grants. We also recently began discussion on updating the website with new content and changing around the menu options to clean things up.
- f. DAC legislation in California
- Heather Crall reported that she and Mark have been looking at California legislation, particularly related to DACs to see how we as a group can help these groups get assistance.
 - Heather reported that one piece of passed legislation, Senate Bill 244, went into effect in 2012 and is designed to encourage cities, counties, and LAFCOs to think about disadvantaged communities. The Bill requires those entities to map and identify disadvantaged communities and look at future needs for those communities. The legislation is tied to county general plan updates.
 - Heather reported that there are two pieces of pending legislation that would be of interest to the Group. One piece of legislation is Assembly Bill 115, which would allow for small water systems to apply as a group for state funding. The project has to be a regional solution, and 50% of the money has to go towards helping water quality. The second piece of upcoming legislation is AB21, which creates a separate new fund through a fee to address urgent drinking water quality needs in disadvantaged communities. This new piece of legislation has less administrative constraints than the large safe drinking water pieces of legislation.
- g. Coordination with other DAC grant recipient regions
- The Program Office has begun communicating with other regions, seven in total, that have received DAC grant funding from DWR, in order to learn from each other. To help facilitate these discussions, we have created a DAC collaboration page on the website to encourage collaboration among these regions. The page is found on the website at <http://inyo-monowater.org/irwmp-dac-collaboration/> . You can view other DAC work plans and resources on this page.
- h. DAC letter to Mark Cowin
- Holly reported that a letter was sent to Mark Cowin, Director of Department of

Water Resources, from a group representing DACs in the Central Valley. It outlined concerns they had on how DACs were being treated through the IRWM process. Complaints included DACs not being included in governance processes and other issues such as having to pay in advance for grant-related expenses and then getting reimbursed, which is difficult for DACs. Mark Cowin sent a response that he was more than willing to be open to talking on the issues. The letter http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/DAC-letter-to-DWR-re-IRWMs_FINAL.pdf and response http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/DWR-DAC-response-Letter_20130425.pdf can be viewed on our website.

i. Upcoming activities

Holly reported on the following upcoming activities:

- Free trainings from CRWA will be coming up to help build capacity for our group, and we may be able to provide travel assistance. Stay tuned for more information and announcements.
- The Sierra Water Workgroup summit is coming up and we have a big DAC and tribal component. The Program Office is still looking for tribal participants and unfortunately nobody from our region is able to attend other than Matthew Hays.
- Work on the film will begin soon which will become a larger part of our DAC work.
- The Program Office is working on alternative metrics for defining DACs and thinking about qualitative and quantitative metrics. Just getting going on this and will bring this back to you when it's ready.

j. Presentation and discussion of mid-DAC grant outreach synthesis

- The Program Office has completed a synthesis on what has happened so far with the DAC grant regarding outreach. It's available online at http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/IM_DAC_mid-grant_synthesis_final.pdf

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

8. Introduction to Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP – Lindsay Rosasco (10 minutes)

- Lindsay Rosasco from the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP joined our Group meeting to gain an understanding of our IRWMP and to give us a bit of insight on the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP.
- Mark reported that we're trying to have more interregional conversations and he was in Sonora speaking with the Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWMP last week.
- Lindsay reported that they have some similarities and some differences in their program. The similarities are that they currently operate under an MOU; however, they have had many issues with it and are now moving to a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) system which requires government organizations to contribute \$40-50 thousand in total. Their IRWMP does not have any staff outside of a consultant, and she is so impressed by how much we do with such little funding. She feels that her IRWMP is at a younger stage than ours. They are currently just wrapping up their first Planning Grant. The engineer was RO Anderson.

9. Round 1 Implementation Grant Update (15 minutes)

- a. Administrative updates – Central Sierra RC&DC
 - Mark reported that as far as we know the status of the first invoice is that the first draft has been submitted to DWR but not the final draft. He is unsure where it stands, and the status of the second invoice is unknown.
 - Dan Jenkins said that they have not heard from Valerie Klinefelter on the status of the invoice either.
 - **Action Item**: Dan Jenkins will coordinate a call with the M7 group to get updated on where things stand on Round 1 Implementation issues.

- b. Project Progress reports
 - i. Coleville High School Water Project presentation – Dan Jenkins
 - Dan presented a short overview of the Coleville High School Project.
 - Coleville High School had uranium content in their well/tap water above the maximum contaminant level. When the original issue was presented there was no one at the District that could pursue a solution. Through lots of trial and error they were able to get IRWMP and CDPH funding which lead the way to a solution that includes a new building that is half treatment facility and half storage. Because Coleville has a low amount of uranium the new equipment that filters the uranium won't need replacement for 8-16 years. There is the same system in Benton and to date it tests well and it's been online for about four years. The storage tanks are made out of fiberglass and three tanks are available to the fire department to use for water supply in case of a fire. Today, the water at Coleville High School is testing at zero uranium. The project cost \$1 million and if they did not have to comply with DSA requirements they could have saved \$400,000 from the project.
 - Mark pointed out that Dan was able to find other funding to help with some of the cost and didn't need to use all the IRWMP funding which allowed money to be used for other projects. Mark commended Dan for this and said this is the spirit of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP – to help as many people as possible.
 - A Powerpoint version of the presentation is available at <http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Coleville-Water-Presentation.pptx>

 - ii. Status of other six projects

Holly reported on the status of the projects.

 - Safe Drinking Water and Fire Water Supply Feasibility Study for Tecopa, CA - Amargosa Conservancy has awarded a contract to JohnsonWright for a feasibility study.
 - Coleville High School Water Project – Finished
 - Round Valley Joint Elementary School Water Supply Reliability Enhancement – close to kickoff event.
 - New Hilltop Well – close to kickoff event.
 - Well Rehabilitation (Phase 1)- Irene Yamashita – close to kickoff event
 - Laws, Independence, and Lone Pine Pump Operation Redundancy and SCADA Improvements – Keith Pearce/Bob Harrington: **Not reported**
 - CSA-2 Sewer System Upgrade- Bob Harrington: **Not reported**

10. Round 3 Implementation (10 minutes)

- a. Update of Round 3 funding

- Mark reported that the balance for funding for Round 3 Implementation Grant is \$472.5 million. The legislature has decided to provide \$7.5 million to DWR in fiscal year 2013-2014 to provide resources to prepare and implement Round 3. The rest of the funding will not be allocated until FY 2014-2015. A delay of six months is expected for Round 3. Mark believes that no proposals will be due until late summer of 2014. There is \$9 million is left for Lahontan Region. We are not going to draft a new round of Implementation for a few months but should start thinking about what projects to propose.
- Cindy Wise said there are plans for a regional call to coordinate funding “ask” to ensure one entity doesn’t try to go after all the money.

11. General Updates (15 Minutes)

a. Tribal Water Summit – Jeremiah

- Jeremiah Joseph reported that the take home message from the Summit was that various agencies, including federal and state agencies, are acknowledging TEK (Tribal Ecological Knowledge). This means that there is now a recognized value placed on resource management including senior and junior water rights. Alan Bacock gave a presentation at the Summit on Owens Valley water issues. In general tribes are struggling to have a voice in the decision making process and are upset with DWR for not giving them a voice. All of the presentations have been videotaped and are available online at <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/tws/2013/>

b. IRWM Strategic Plan

- Mark reported that DWR is looking to find a long term solution for IRWMP. They would like to wrap up the plan by the end of the year. DWR has been holding a series of input sessions and workshops to figure out where IRWMP goes. There will be a survey put out by DWR and we will pass it along when we get it. The next strategic stakeholder focus group meeting will be on June 6 and Mark will be in attendance.

c. IRWM Summit and Conference

- Inyo-Mono Program Office Staff participated in the Statewide IRWM Summit and Conference in Sacramento April 3-5. In addition to attending the events as audience members, the Program Office sought out opportunities to be involved in panels and provide the Inyo-Mono perspective. Mark Drew participated on a panel called “How Can Integrated Water Management Work?” during the IWM Summit, and Mark moderated a panel called “Bringing People to the Table – A Conversation” during the IRWM Conference. Holly Alpert was a panel member for that session. The three days provided plenty of time to converse with other IRWM groups and learn about their successes and challenges. We received several compliments on the great teamwork of the Inyo-Mono IRWM Program, for which you can all take credit! We are increasingly being recognized for our IRWM model and for our accomplishments.

d. Aqueduct Futures Project – Not reported during the meeting but a synopsis is written below.

- Several Members and staff attended the Aqueduct Futures community meetings conducted by Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture Graduate Students. The students were interested in learning about regional planning priorities and are hoping to have their planning project

finalized by May 2013

- e. World Water Day – Not reported during the meeting but a synopsis is written below.
- In celebration of World Water Day (WWD), Heather Crall and Andrew Skaggs taught more than 800 elementary and middle school students about water cooperation and the importance of freshwater resources. They also organized water-related poster installations at all Inyo and Mono County Public Libraries and donated dozens of books to Mammoth and Bishop Libraries. The three-day celebration culminated on the evening of March 22 when CalTrout and the Inyo-Mono IRWMP hosted a celebratory WWD dinner at the Tri-County Fairgrounds, which included a panel discussion about the challenges of water resources management in our region and opportunities for increased water cooperation – the theme of this year’s WWD. The panel included a diverse set of stakeholders representing federal, state, and local government; Native American tribes; non-profits organizations; scientific research institutions; and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The audience also had the opportunity to ask questions of panel members, and we all quickly realized that this discussion would require more time than what was available that evening. We hope to continue the discussion at similar venues in the near future.
- f. Sierra Water Workgroup Summit – Not reported during the meeting but a synopsis is written below.
- The **Sierra Water Work Group Summit is fast approaching (June 11 – 13)!** Through our DAC grant, we have limited funding to support some amount of DAC/tribal travel and participation. If you are interested in attending the Summit but need funding in order to do so, please contact Holly (holly@inyo-monowater.org) or Mark (mdrew@caltrout.org). This Summit is a great opportunity to connect with others involved with IRWM throughout the Sierra and learn about some of the successes and challenges. More information or to register: <http://www.sierrawaterworkgroup.org/>.
12. Announcements, process check, meeting dates (5 Minutes)
- Next RWMG Meetings - July 24th and the next Administrative Committee Meeting will be the week before. Irene Yamashita volunteered the Mammoth Community Water District for the meeting.
13. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today’s meeting (5 Minutes)
- Not reported
14. Guest Speaker (30 Minutes)
- Cindy Wise, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board:** Salt and Nutrient Management Plans
- Presentation is available at <http://inyo-monowater.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/SN-plan-May-2013.ppt>

* Images from the Objective discussion (5C):

Resources.

6.2 Provide assistance for tribal ^{small water systems,} & DAC consultation, collaboration, and access to funding development, implementation, monitoring, and long-term maintenance of water resource management projects.

↑ ~~access~~ access to information (6.2)

- consistent reference to small communities/systems
- opportunity to do education in schools (6.3)
- CEQA, grant writing, CBA (6.3) trainings, World Water Day ed.
- Members doing education (6.3)
- need for assistance/capacity esp. for small/volunteer systems.
- tabling opportunities at tribal events (6.1)
- addressing small \$ project needs

Resources.

Objective 6

- Add more language of Small water systems
- economies of ~~so~~ scale: admin, proposals,
- grouping of water systems - size, type (Program Office will attempt)

and more towards meet their needs