

Meeting Summary

Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2013
Mammoth Community Water District
1315 Meridian Boulevard
Mammoth Lakes, CA93546
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Call-in option:
1-866-862-2138
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Decision Items:

- Mark Drew moves to approve the following composition of the Admin. Committee (New Members: Justin Nalder, Malcolm Clark, and Alan Bacock; and Existing Members: Leroy Corlett, Irene Yamashita, and Heather deBethizy). Wesley Hawks seconds the motion. All approve.
- Wesley moves to approve the Phase II Plan amendment as presented. Darla Heil seconds the motion. All approve.
- Mark moves to approve both sets of RWMG meeting notes as amended. Wesley seconds the motion. All approve.
- Bob Harrington moves to approve the revised process for the Program Office Generic Letter of Support. Malcolm Clark seconds the motion. All approve.

Action Items:

- Program Staff is looking to put together a Data/Technology working committee to brainstorm a way to provide more helpful data to the Group. If you're interested in being a part of this committee, email janet@inyo-monowater.org. A more formal solicitation will occur regarding this committee at a later date.
- Program Staff will work with other Stakeholders to begin brainstorming on next steps regarding the Phase II Plan in an effort to address some of the suggestions regarding Plan Implementation in today's discussion. Program Staff will also provide regular updates to the rest of the RWMG on progress on this endeavor.
- The Program Staff is putting together a grant writing and proposal development workshop on February 6. It will be geared towards applying for DWR funds specifically for disadvantaged communities and Native American tribes. It will be held at the Big Pine Paiute Tribe Council Room. Please RSVP by emailing Holly at holly@inyo-monowater.org.
- Program Staff will post a request for applications on the website in regards to looking for a film crew to make a local water documentary.
- Maya Weinhart and Janet Hatfield have updated the online match forms. If you have a match form to submit please do so by February 15, 2013, to Maya at maya@inyo-monowater.org. The form is available online: <http://inyo-monowater.org/documents/downloadable-forms/>

Final AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 Minutes)
2. Public Comment period (5 Minutes)
3. Quick Decision Business Items (20 min)

DECISION ITEM(s):

- i. Approve recommended Administrative Committee appointments for 2013
- Introduce new Chair and Vice-Chair
- ii. Approve Chapter 15, Phase II Plan Amendment
- iii. Approve September 26, RWMG Meeting Summary
- iv. Approve November 14, RWMG Meeting Summary
- v. Approve Program Office endorsement process of Generic Letter of RWMG Support

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4. Inyo-Mono Phase II Plan (15 Minutes)
 - a. Summary of Plan Updates
 - b. Next Steps
5. IRWMP Grants Financial Updates (25 Minutes)
 - a. Round 1 Planning Grant
 - b. Round 1 Implementation
 - c. DAC
6. Round 2 Planning Grant (20 Minutes)
 - a. Work Plan/ Schedule
 - i. Oak Creek
 - ii. West Walker River
 - iii. Town of Mammoth Lakes
 - iv. Program Office
 - b. Budget
 - c. New Working Committees
7. Round 2 Implementation (20 Minutes)
 - a. 2013 Proposal Timeline (March 29, 2013 Deadline)
 - b. Phase II Plan Amendment
 - c. Grantee

DECISION ITEM: Approve Round 2 Implementation Grantee (Fiscal Agent)

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

8. DAC Grant (15 Minutes)
 - a. Updates
 - b. Next Steps
9. Round 1 Implementation Grant Update (10 Minutes)
 - a. Administrative Updates
 - b. Plan Implementation Committee
 - c. Project Progress
10. General Updates (10 Minutes)
 - IRWMP Summit April 4-5 (Sacramento, CA)
 - SWWG Summit June 11-13 (Kings Beach, CA)
 - Website Updates
 - World Water Day
11. Announcements, Process Check, meeting dates (5 Minutes)

Next Meeting Dates

March 20, May 22, July 17

12. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 Minutes)
13. Guest Speaker (30 Minutes)
 - a. Mark Nordberg, DWR North-Central Regional Office: Groundwater

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 Minutes)

Attending in Person

- Ken Reynolds, Bridgeport PUD
- Carla Denver, Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Justin Nalder, Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Bob Harrington, Inyo County Water Department
- Darla Heil, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
- Dan Moore, Round Valley School
- Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Owens Valley Committee
- Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club
- Andrew Skaggs, AmeriCorps, CalTrout
- Barry Beck, Bridgeport PUD
- Dan Love, Bridgeport PUD
- Jeremiah Joseph, Fort Independence Indian Reservation
- Betty Hylton, Mammoth Community Water District
- Heather deBethizy, Mono County, Eastern Sierra Land Trust
- Wesley Hawks, Crystal Crag W+DA
- Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District, Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group
- Mark Nordberg, California Department of Water Resources
- Mark Drew, CalTrout, IRWMP Staff
- Janet Hatfield, IRWMP Staff
- Maya Weinhart, IRWMP Staff

- Holly Alpert, IRWMP Staff
- Irene Yamashita, Mammoth Community Water District

Attending Via Phone

- Bruce Woodworth, Central Sierra RC&D, Mono County RCD
- Rich Ciauri, June Lake PUD
- BryAnna Vaughan, Big Pine Paiute Tribe
- Harvey Van Dyke, Wheeler Crest CSD
- Todd Ellsworth, Inyo National Forest
- Matt Hays, Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation

Introductions

- Mark Drew introduced Maya Weinhart. She will be the new Program Administrator and will be taking over some of Janet's responsibilities pertaining to meeting administration.
- Mark stated that during today's meeting, we will be talking about what took place in the past year and looking forward to the next year. In an effort to continue discussing water issues, this afternoon there will be a panel discussion discussing groundwater. At 10:30am there will be a film crew that will be videotaping. They are Film 11 out of New York. They are filming for a documentary which centers on water and how we will address water needs in the future. Part of the focus of the documentary is on collaboration and part is on climate change. They are trying to get a diverse array of stakeholders involved in their movie and want to get footage of a collaborative effort which is why they are here today. There will be very little footage on this in the documentary of this meeting. Film at 11 will need a release form from anyone that would not like to be filmed. Mark thought it was a neat opportunity given what we are rolling out our new tasks for the next year.

2. Public Comment period (5 Minutes)

- Wesley Hawks said that he feels that this group is not doing much to help small water systems. He went through the Plan and thought there were no strategies to help small water systems; the Plan mainly focused on tribes and DACs. He is especially concerned about small water systems that have no tax base.
- Mark thanked Wesley for sharing and acknowledged his concern. It's a challenge with Prop 84 funding because it's not made for small water systems. Program Staff is working with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to let them know there are chronic problems and to look for alternative funding sources. There's also new legislation coming out specific to small water systems. Dustin Hardwick from California Rural Water Association has also been very helpful in providing needs assessments for small water systems. Wesley looked through the other funding options on the website and there were none that he could find. Janet Hatfield mentioned that under the new planning grant we have money in the grant to make the website more helpful.
- No other public comments were brought forward.

3. Quick Decision Business Items (20 min)

DECISION ITEM(s):

- i. **Approve new Admin. Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**
 - Mark stated that per the MOU we have an Administrative Committee. Terms are two years, with three members rotating out each year. At the beginning of the year the RWMG is supposed to approve the new composition. We would like to acknowledge past Admin. Committee members – Bruce Woodworth, BryAnna Vaughan, and Darla Heil, for their service on the Admin. Comm.
 - At the last Admin. Comm. meeting, the outgoing and remaining Admin. Comm. members recommended three new members: Alan Bacock – Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Malcolm Clark – Sierra Club, and Bob Harrington – Inyo County Water Department. The three remaining

members will be Irene Yamashita – Mammoth Community Water District, Leroy Corlett – Indian Wells Valley Water District, and Heather deBethizy – Mono County. The Admin. Comm. agreed that it would choose a new Chair and Vice-Chair at the next Admin. Comm. meeting, after the new members had been approved by the Group. Also, lengths of terms for each member will also be decided later (Darla Heil stepped down after one year of a two-year term, and Heather deBethizy is continuing on after a two-year term).

- Bruce Woodworth stated that he would like to have nominations from the floor. He would like to see others who have not been on the committee be nominated. He suggested Justin Nalder (Bridgeport Indian Colony) be considered as a candidate. He also stated that if a member has been on before they should take a secondary seat to those that have not been on before. As per the MOU, we're trying to get as many new people as possible on the Admin. Committee. Mark stated that Holly had sent out an email requesting nominations and got no response. The people recommended by the Admin. Comm. have been determined because of the interest shown. Bruce stated that he didn't think that precludes further discussion and nominations. Bruce asked if Justin would be interested in serving on the committee. Justin said that would be fine, but he doesn't want to kick anyone off their seat. Darla Heil made a motion to accept the members who were previously mentioned as being nominated for the committee. Bob Harrington said that because the county might be the grantee on the Round 2 Implementation grant, then he doesn't mind giving up his spot so that there's no conflict of interest.
- **Mark Drew moves to approve the following new members of the Admin. Committee (New Members; Justin Nalder, Malcolm Clark, and Alan Bacock, and Existing Members: Leroy Corlett, Irene Yamashita, and Heather deBethizy). Wesley Hawks seconds the motion. All approved.**

ii. **Approve Chapter 15, Phase II Plan Amendment**

- Holly reported that not all of the Round Two Implementation Grant projects had been submitted for Plan inclusion by June, so the online project upload form was opened up again for further project submissions. Program Staff developed a small addendum to Chapter 15 which added 11 projects to the Plan. It includes a table of all the projects with a brief description that talks about the process. This does include more projects than what we're asking for funding. We now have a database of 47 projects that help identify our regional needs.
- **Wesley moved to approve the addendum to the Plan, and Darla seconded. All approved.**

iii. **Approve September 26, RWMG Meeting Summary**

iv. **Approve November 14, RWMG Meeting Summary**

- Mark asked if there were any changes to the Sept. 26 or Nov. 14, 2012, meeting summaries. Betty Hylton had one revision from Irene Yamashita for the Nov. 14 summary. MCWD had picked up its Implementation project sign, but it was not Irene who did it.
- **Mark made a motion to approve the past two group meeting minutes. Wesley seconded.**

v. **Approve Program Office endorsement process of Generic Letter of RWMG Support**

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- Mark stated that the Group has spent some time modifying language as to how we go about providing letters of support for those Members who seek it. Mark asked if Bob Harrington had anything to add on behalf of Inyo County, and he did not. Mark stated that if anyone is now looking for a letter of support please look at today's agenda for the language.
- **Bob Harrington made a motion to approve the proposed process. Malcolm seconded. All approved.**

4. Inyo-Mono Phase II Plan (15 Minutes)

a. Summary of Plan Updates

- Mark stated that during the last meeting Irene raised the idea that it would be helpful to talk about the Plan. There are chapters that everyone should be aware of. Mark asks for input on what the Group would like to do with the Plan.
- Wesley stated that he couldn't find where small water systems were mentioned in the Plan, although he did acknowledge that engagement of small water systems was included in the Plan. Holly mentions that the Objectives and Resource Management Strategies chapter might be one we want to revisit in the next 18 months.
- Heather deBethizy mentioned that at Mono County they are planning on using the Plan to help with their General Plan update and the GP's EIR.
- Mark wanted others to think about how to we integrate the IRWM Plan with other planning documents in the region. One thought is to look at the Plan Implementation Chapter. We should look at whether we are addressing the priorities identified in this plan.
- Alan Bacock said the objectives have been laid out in the plan. It would be nice to use the Plan's objectives to create projects instead of creating them based on individual interests. Holly agrees that would be ideal. Wesley thinks that would require the group to go out and look for where the needs are. Holly mentioned that we're already doing that.
- Malcolm thought it would be nice to have some coordination with the Inyo National Forest and its current planning process. Mark stated that Susan Joyce from INF spoke to the Group at the November meeting about their forest planning process.
- Mark asked the group to consider what other planning efforts that the group can get involved with.
- Holly and Alan had talked about putting a climate change working committee together to discuss the climate change chapter of the Plan in order to get more input and more people to read it. A question to frame the discussion might be: What type of climate change information do we need to generate for the people who are doing water management on the ground?
- Bob Harrington thinks we need to do something region-wide to better understand all the needs and solutions for the rural systems.
- Heather deBethizy suggested we could look at the objectives chapter as a group and then prioritize the objectives and develop projects using those priorities.
- Justin thinks that we should put together a presentation and a GIS map that would discuss the needs and give people a visual of what could happen in regards to climate change.
- Mark mentioned that the Program Office will give this some thought and put it on the next RWMG agenda. Mark also mentioned that Program Staff will speak with county Health Directors.
- Bob Harrington said that Inyo County Env. Health is willing to meet.
- Bob thought that DWR planners were really looking for regional plans to identify objectives and strategies for each region. The basic data for the regions would come from the regional plan. Mark Nordberg said that he's looking at local plans and relying on information from local groups and plans. Mark D. said that the South Lahontan region is so diverse and that it's difficult to capture that diversity.

- Mark D. proposes that the Program Office put a presentation together on climate change for the March meeting.
- b. Next Steps
- c. **ACTION ITEM: Program Staff will work with other Stakeholders to begin brainstorming on next steps regarding the Phase II Plan in an effort to address some of the suggestions regarding Plan Implementation in today's discussion. Program Staff will also provide regular updates to the rest of the RWMG on progress on this endeavor.**

5. IRWMP Grants Financial Updates (25 Minutes)

- a. Round 1 Planning Grant
 - Mark reported that the Program Staff is still working with DWR on some issues related to administrative expenses in the Round 1 Planning Grant. Otherwise, the Planning Grant is complete.
 - Holly stated that one of the Program Staff's responsibilities is to provide a financial update once a year. The update for all three grants is available on the website. Holly presented the financial report by task for the Round 1 Planning Grant, which is virtually wrapped up. The official end date is at the end of January. We have plenty of match thanks to the in-kind contributions of RWMG Members and participants. Program Staff is working with DWR to reconcile outstanding operating and administration issues. All invoicing should be completed in the next month.
- b. Round 1 Implementation
 - Holly reported that the expenditures for Program Office are calculated only through end of October, 2012. We are a little more than 1/3 of the way through the budget. Program Office time spent on this grant has dropped the past several months. We have incurred the most expenses in Task 4. We are hoping now that more projects are off the ground, we can do more media events. We need to ensure the projects are helping us implement the Plan.
- d. DAC
 - Holly reports progress to date on the DAC grant and states that we have until the end of 2013 to complete work as identified in the work plan. She projects the current budget on the DAC grant for the RWMG to review and summarizes the financials for the Group. Holly reports total expenditures through November 2012 were \$78,000 of the \$371,000 awarded, and informs the Group that this does not include \$125,000 amendment more recently awarded. She summarizes tasks completed to date on the DAC grant and work outlined for the future months.

6. Round 2 Planning Grant (20 Minutes)

- a. Work Plan/ Schedule
 - i. Oak Creek
 - ii. West Walker River
 - iii. Town of Mammoth Lakes
 - iv. Program Office
- b. Budget
- c. New Working Committees
 - Mark stated that we are now beginning discussions on executing the Round 2 Planning Grant with DWR and are working with project proponents to revise their materials. Mark is hopeful that we could have the Planning Grant 2 executed by the March 2013 meeting. Program Staff will report on the status of the Round 2 Planning Grant at the March meeting.
 - The duration of the grant as proposed in the application was 18 months, but it could be extended to 20 to 24 months, which we will discuss with DWR. The grant amount is \$480,000. There are program-related activities and three planning projects. One project is with the Inyo

National Forest working on Oak Creek. Another one is a restoration plan for the West Walker River from Walker to Topaz Lake, and the third project is a storm water master plan for Mammoth Lakes. The programmatic work will include financial planning, climate change, data management/GIS, integration, and Plan updating.

- **ACTION ITEM: Program Staff is looking to put together a Data/Technology working committee to brainstorm a way to provide more helpful data to the Group. If you're interested in being a part of this committee, email janet@inyo-monowater.org. A more formal solicitation will occur regarding this committee at a later date.**
- Mark summarized the terms of the Round 2 Planning Grant, he stated that the grant award is \$482,000 and is scheduled to be completed within 18 months. He reviewed the work plan which includes programmatic operations as well as individual planning studies. The planning studies are Oak Creek Stream Restoration, West Walker River Restoration Plan, and Town of Mammoth Lakes Storm water Master Plan. Additionally Holly and Janet will be organizing working committees to work on climate change, technology and data needs.
- Holly stated that the work related to climate change and data management in the DAC grant gives a good glimpse into the needs of the region and that this work will continue under the Round 2 Planning Grant.

7. Round 2 Implementation (20 Minutes)

- a. 2013 Proposal Timeline (March 29, 2013 Deadline)
 - Mark stated that the proposal is due March 29, 2013. We will be moving forward on the five highest-ranked projects. This includes a water meters project in Inyo County, a joint project between Inyo County and Amargosa Conservancy to improve groundwater monitoring, a project to replace fire hydrants on Big Pine Paiute Tribe Reservation and the town of Big Pine, a ground water study in the Indian Wells Valley, and a continuation of the Town of Mammoth Lakes storm water Master Plan. Program Office staff has produced a timeline of deadlines and milestones. Mark and Holly met with project proponents in the last week to better understand each of the projects and the trajectory of the overall proposal. The total at this point for the proposal is about \$1.9 million, which includes funding for grant administration. Keith Pearce suggested increasing his budget for the meters project by \$300,000. In total there is \$3.9 million available in the Lahontan funding region.
 - **ACTION ITEM: The Program Staff is putting together a grant writing and proposal development workshop on February 6. It will be geared towards applying for DWR funds specifically for disadvantaged communities and Native American tribes. It will be held at the Big Pine Paiute Tribe Council Room. Please RSVP by emailing Holly at holly@inyo-monowater.org.**
- b. Phase II Plan Amendment
 - This was covered at the beginning of the meeting
- c. Grantee
 - A Grantee or fiscal agent is needed for the Round 2 Implementation Grant. Bob Harrington spoke that he circulated the material to the county counsel and risk assessment and right now it's still being looked at. He's not prepared yet to say the County will take it on because he still needs to take it to the Board, but in general County staff was not against it. He said he would likely take it to the Board Feb. 5 or 12. Mark said that CalTrout would prefer Inyo County to serve as Grantee.

DECISION ITEM: Approve Round 2 Implementation Grantee (Fiscal Agent)

- Mark stated that this is not exactly a decision item. At this point we're merely confirming that the process agreed upon at the November meeting is still valid. If the Inyo County Board does

not support Inyo County as the grantee, Mark will have discussions with his colleagues at CalTrout.

- Bruce mentioned that the last time there was this discussion there was a discrepancy between how much Inyo County and the other agencies were asking. Bob Harrington is certain that Inyo County's cost would come in at less than 10% of the award. Bruce is ok with it if it's at 10% or under.
- Holly asked if help with the Bond Management System could be offered from Inyo County side. Bob wasn't sure.
- Mark stated that a decision regarding grantee will be made before our next meeting and the proposal will be very close to finished if not submitted.
- Bob asked if there was a thumbs down from anyone regarding Inyo county being the grantee. Mark stated that this was incorrectly listed as a decision item on this agenda. Darla asked that if this is written into the next grant don't we need to come to a decision by the next meeting? Mark mentioned that at the last meeting the full group agreed that they would be ok with any of the three grantees.
- Bruce mentioned that last time there were some misunderstandings on what Central Sierra would provide in terms expertise. Bob believes that if the County was grantee they would be responsible for CEQA. Bruce still thinks things should be sorted out so everyone is under the same understanding. Bob suggested having this conversation with Bruce, Bob, and the Program Office. Mark suggested looking at the generic grantee scope of services developed last fall as a guideline for this conversation.

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

- The film crew arrived. Michelle Mitchell (producer and director) introduced herself. She explained that the film is about water conflict. She was intrigued by the lawsuits going on in the region. She thought everything was settled here but is here to find out the reality. Michelle will respect people wanting certain things omitted. Just let her know if you say something that you'd like deleted.

8. DAC Grant (15 Minutes)

a. Updates

- Holly reported that the Program Staff has been able to focus on this grant the last few months. Holly met with Big Pine CSD board in December, 2012, and will be meeting with Bridgeport PUD tomorrow. Six other IRWM regions in California have been awarded DAC grants. We're interested in getting together with the other groups to discuss progress and lessons learned. Program Staff has put together a mid-grant synthesis, once finalized, Holly will distribute the synthesis.

b. Next Steps

- Staff is working on scheduling more needs assessments with California Rural Water Association. We're working with Dustin Hardwick to come up with a list of systems that still need some help. We have funding for 20 but will likely do 10-15 assessments.
- Janet and Holly are working together to figure out how to best ask our stakeholders what kind of information they need in relation to data and climate. The next step after the needs assessments is to start bringing resources to disadvantaged communities, perhaps by doing more training.
- Holly announced that the Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG) is putting on another summit this summer. As part of the DAC grant we will host a day specific to DACs and tribes and will discuss issues related to DAC and tribal engagement in IRWM planning processes. We are aiming to understand whether the Inyo-Mono is the same as other regions or is different. We are also exploring alternative definitions of DAC. The Summit will be held June 11-13, 2013. We will be circulating more information soon.
- Mark mentioned that we're trying to look a little closer at legislation related to DACs and rural water systems, such as Senate Bill 244. Heather Crall is doing some specific legal research

into legislation. We aren't a lobbying body but it's good to keep abreast of what is going on in regards to our needs. There's legislation that has come out by **Perea** which looks at assisting DAC water systems in the Central Valley. Might we be able to influence additional money that is put aside for Eastern Sierra issues.

- Another aspect of the DAC grant is that we have funds to make a documentary. It will be about water, livelihoods, and local resources in the Inyo-Mono region.
- **ACTION ITEM: Program Staff will post a request for applications on the website in regards to looking for a film crew to make a local water documentary.**
- One suggestion is that that the cost per family for the water they use could be a metric. This can be used outside of DACs as well

9. Round 1 Implementation Grant Update (10 Minutes)

a. Administrative Updates

- Mark summarized that there was \$107,000 to support Central Sierra as Grantee. Valerie said there was \$28,000 spent through end of October, 2012, but we do not have a breakdown by task. We are trying to get more specifics. One of the Admin. Committee responsibilities is fiscal oversight. The Admin Committee did request a more detailed budget by task from Central Sierra. The Program Office Staff has produced a report and invoice through Oct. 31, 2012. The initial thinking was that Central Sierra and CalTrout would submit an administrative invoice to DWR. This has not happened yet, and The Program Office is not sure where that stands.
- Mark reported that some good news is that Dan Jenkins from Eastern Sierra Unified School District said that the Coleville High School project is finished. They are not serving water to the students yet but are being inspected today. After inspection they can serve water to students. The first test said uranium was zero. After seven years of hard work this is finally coming to an end. Big green barn behind the school is the building housing the new facility. Dan Jenkins said he would do a slideshow to the group at a future meeting

b. Plan Implementation Committee

- This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

c. Project Progress

- Bob reported that Keith said they were working with Central Sierra on final details of the contract. Mark stated that there have been three formal amendments to the grant agreement. Mark also mentioned that Keith or the county had to do some internal work before starting work on the project.
- Dan Moore mentioned that they are hoping to drill in March if it is not too cold. Project should take five days.
- Irene is in the same place they were last time they met on the MCWD project. They are looking into their labor compliance plan. It's mostly administrative work right now.
- Tecopa project is slowly moving forward right now and have circulated an RFP for a consultant.

10. General Updates (10 Minutes)

- IRWMP Summit April 4-5 (Sacramento, CA)
 - Program Staff went to the first IRWMP conference about two years ago, and found it valuable. Program staff is planning on going to this one and lead a panel on engaging stakeholders in the IRWM work in addition to our DAC work. If there are folks interested in going to this please let the Program Office know.
 - DWR is putting together a focus group for its IRWM Strategic Plan and Mark and Holly have applied to be part of it to give exposure to our community.
- SWWG Summit June 11-13 (Kings Beach, CA)
 - This was discussed during the DAC Grant update
- Website Updates

- The new match form is on the website for September – December, 2012.
- **ACTION ITEM: Maya and Janet have updated the online match forms. If you have a match form to submit please do so by February 15, 2013, to Maya at maya@inyo-monowater.org. The form is available online: <http://inyo-monowater.org/documents/downloadable-forms/>. You'll get an email reminder for the form from Maya prior to Feb. 15.**
- Andrew Skaggs gave an update on World Water Day. Andrew and Heather will be teaching water education at local schools. There will also be a banquet on March 22 at the Tri-County Fairgrounds for about 100 people. If anyone has suggestions for panelists for the banquet, email askaggs@caltrout.org. This is not a fundraiser, but rather it's an opportunity to bring people together and celebrate collaboration. Holly mentioned that we're looking for \$5,500 to fund the whole program.

11. Announcements, Process Check, meeting dates (5 Minutes)

- Bob mentioned that there will be an Inyo-LA Long Term Water Agreement standing committee meeting on Feb. 8, 10am in Inyo County board room. Standing committee is where the county and DWP policy-makers get together to try to sort out their differences. Following that DWP will be hosting an event at the Eastern Sierra Museum celebrating the centennial of the aqueduct. The event will be at 12:30pm. At least one city council person from LA will be there. The agenda is not out yet for standing committee.
- Bob also mentioned an Owens Lakebed Planning Committee meeting. Monday, January 28, 9:30am to 12:30pm. This is a large group working on a large planning effort for Owens Lakebed. Bob thinks the meeting will be at the fairgrounds, but check DWP's webpage for exact location.
- Mark mentioned the Bioregional Assessment at the Forest Service this coming Friday.
- Irene announced there is a draft EIR from Casa Diablo out right now. If you're interested in the impact of the plant you might be interested in looking at the report. End of the public comment period January 30.

12. Next Meeting Dates

March 20, May 22, July 17

13. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting (5 Minutes)

- To save time for the presenter we're going to put action items on the website. If there are action items that are stated incorrectly please let Maya know.

14. Guest Speaker (30 Minutes)

- a. Mark Nordberg, DWR North-Central Regional Office: Groundwater