**Meeting Notes**

**Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting**

# Wednesday, October 19, 2016

**9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Conference call only**

**Call-in option:**

 **866-210-1669**

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**Please RSVP for the Inyo-Mono RWMG meeting** by emailing Holly Alpert (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by Friday, October 14, 2016, 5:00 pm*.*

For this meeting only, **all RWMG Members attending the meeting must post this meeting agenda at your call-in location by 9:00 am on Sunday, October 16, 2016. You must also email the address of your call-in location to Holly** (holly@inyo-monowater.org) **by 9:00 am on Sunday, October 16, 2016.**


## Call-in locations:

1. Holly Alpert residence

576 Rawlins Way

Lafayette, CO

1. Malcolm Clark Residence

 637 John Muir Rd

 Mammoth Lakes, CA

1. Eastern Sierra CSD Office

 301 West Line St., Suite D

 Bishop, CA

1. Leroy Corlett Residence

 1217 N. Inyo St.

 Ridgecrest, CA

1. Bridgeport Indian Colony

 355 Sagebrush Drive

 Bridgeport, CA

1. Mammoth Community Water District

 1315 Meridian Blvd

 Mammoth Lakes, CA

1. Bishop Paiute Tribe

 Environmental Management Office

 50 Tu Su Lane

 Bishop, CA

1. Mono Lake Committee

 Hwy 395 at Third St.

 Lee Vining, CA

1. California Trout

 3399 Main St., Suite V1

 Mammoth Lakes, CA

1. Desert Mountain RC&D

 1259 E. Ridgecrest Rd., Suite #7

 Ridgecrest, CA

1. Bishop Paiute Tribe

 Public Works Department

 630 Brockman Ln

 Bishop, CA

1. Big Pine Paiute Tribe

820 Watson St.

Big Pine, CA

1. Linda Monreal residence

 Jeffrey Pine Rd

 Mammoth Lakes, CA

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RWMG Meeting Process

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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 – October 19, 2016

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

**Attendance:**

Holly Alpert, IRWM Program Office, *Amargosa Conservancy*

Malcolm Clark, *Sierra Club Range of Light Group*

Ken Lloyd, Anita Johnson, Jennifer Krafcheck, *Eastern Sierra CSD*

Leroy Corlett, *Indian Wells Valley Water District*, *Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Groundwater Management Group*

BryAnna Vaughan, *Big Pine CSD*

Irene Yamashita, *Mammoth Community Water District*

Lisa Cutting, *Mono Lake Committee*

Mark Drew, *California Trout*

Donna Thomas, *Desert Mountain RC&D*

Pete Bernasconi, *Bishop Paiute Tribe*

Rick Kattelmann, IRWM Program Office

Alan Bacock, *Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Owens Valley Committee*

Linda Monreal, *Birchim CSD*

Bob Harrington, *Inyo County Water Department*

Jaime Robertson, *Town of Mammoth Lakes*

Haley Miller, *Fort Independence Tribe*

Kari Hunter, *Desert Mountain RC&D*

Sam Merk, *Eastern Kern County RCD*

1. **Public Comment** - none
2. **Quick Decision Items**
	1. **DECISION ITEM:** Approve June 22, 2016, Meeting Summary
		* Draft meeting summary was changed to reflect wrong pronoun used (Malcolm).
		* Leroy moves to approve. Malcolm seconds. No discussion. All approved.
3. **DAC Involvement Grant**
	1. Update on proposal process
		* As a reminder, Prop. 1 DAC Involvement funding Request for Proposals are currently active.
		* 10% of the total funding is available to the Lahontan Funding Area, so $2.45 million.
		* Final RFP and Prop. 1 Guidelines were released late July and there was a webinar in August to explain the RFP and guidelines.
		* We will be submitting a proposal along with 5 other IRWM regions as a funding area. Just this morning we found out that one region may not be applying so there would be a total of 5 regions.
		* California Rural Water Association is the applicant/grantee.
		* Holly is coordinating the overall funding area proposal. She is currently working with the other regions to develop proposal materials.
		* Holly is also developing our own Inyo-Mono proposal engaging DAC and IRWM stakeholders. Tasks will focus on needs assessments, education, outreach, engagement in IRWM efforts, meeting with other IRWM regions, technical assistance, and project development.
		* Our proposal budget is just about $400,000 for Inyo-Mono. This may change if there is one less region.

Timeline: The goal for submission is mid-November. When DWR put out the proposal deadline they did not specify a deadline – just said “January-ish”.

* 1. **DECISION ITEM:** Approve letter of support for California Rural Water Association to be grantee (applicant) for DAC Involvement Grant (to be included in proposal)
		+ This letter is required as part of the DACI proposal.
		+ Ken Lloyd moves to approve letter. Leroy seconds. Discussion identifies that Holly needs to be authorized to sign the letter. Ken moves to amend his original motion to include the authorization. Leroy seconds. No further discussion. All approve.
	2. Next steps:
		+ Continue with the development of the proposal – goal is mid-November.
		+ Engage the DAC advisory committee with their review (so far only Sam Merk has signed up). If others are interested in participating, contact Holly.
		+ Holly will consult with DWR in the early stages of draft proposals and throughout all stages.
		+ Holly clarified the following related to DAC funding: 10% of the funding goes to implementation of on-the-ground DAC projects. The 1st general round of implementation funding will be in 2018; 2nd round in 2020. Total Prop 1 Implementation pool = DAC + 1st round + 2nd round. Inyo-Mono is guaranteed $3.6 million total due to the agreement we made with the other Lahontan funding area IRWM regions. DWR still has to release a proposal announcement for the DAC implementation money. Mark thinks this will happen in 2017. Each region will need to be compliant with SB 985 to apply (storm water management plan).
		+ Ken asked if the DAC Involvement grant can reimburse for work that has already been completed; Holly responded that DWR has said they will only make funds available as of the grant award date and no earlier, so in effect the answer is no.
1. **Round 1 Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Update** (Central Sierra RC&D)
* The final project – Inyo County SCADA – is in progress and should be complete by the end of the year.
* Valerie will finish the grant reporting in early 2017.
1. **2015 Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Update** (Desert Mountain RC&D)
* Kari reported that DWR will be sending the final grant agreement today and everything is ready to proceed.
* Only two things are needed: 1) signature from Desert Mountain RC&D and 2) sovereign annuity to access tribal lands and see tribal documents.
* Kari will be meeting soon with DWR to review protocols and invoicing, likely in Big Pine or Bishop. Then Kari will meet with all project managers to relay DWR’s protocols.
* Projects will begin in January.
1. **Announcements, process check**
* Bob Harrington reported that SGMA (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) plans are “looming large” for Inyo and Indian Wells Valleys. Indian Wells needs to be completed and approved by 2020 and Inyo by 2022. The State Water Board will levy fines if not completed on time. DWR will have some funds available and the IRWM could contribute also. Discussion about the Tri-Valley meeting tonight. Bob will attend and communicate (again) the existence of the IRWM and offer to help. For Tri-Valley the question is will they be independent or have a joint powers with other entities? If no one applies, then the County becomes the sustainability agency. The deadline is June 30, 2017.
* Bob, Rick, Mark, and Holly will have a follow-up call to discuss how the IRWM Program can help in the SGMA process and potentially help find sources of funding for planning.
* Alan reported that phase 2 of Walking Water was completed and they made it to the cascades. Next October Walking Water will walk through Los Angeles. Approximately 30-40 people participated during the three week period.
1. **Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today’s meeting**
* Approval of June 22, 2016 Meeting Summary.
* Approve letter to DWR supporting California Rural Water Association and authorize Holly to sign.

1. **Next RWMG meeting: Likely January 25 (annual meeting)**
* This meeting will likely be in Mammoth or Bishop. It will be a joint meeting with ECWA.
1. **Adjourn**
	* + Leroy adjourns meeting at 10:26.