



# Meeting Notes

## Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chambers (Suite Z)**

**437 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA**

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

**Please RSVP for the Inyo-Mono RWMG meeting** by emailing Holly Alpert ([holly@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:holly@inyo-monowater.org)) by **Friday, June 17, 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, June 19, 2016. You must also email the address of your call-in location to Holly ([holly@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:holly@inyo-monowater.org)) by 9:00 am on Sunday, June 19, 2016.**

### **Call-in locations:**

1. Inyo County Water Department  
135 South Jackson St.  
Independence, CA

2. Bruce Woodworth Residence  
824 Burcham Flat Rd.  
Coleville, CA

3. Bishop City Hall  
377 West Line St  
Bishop, CA

4. Eastern Sierra Community Services  
District  
301 West Line St  
Suite D  
Bishop, CA

5. Big Pine Tribe Environmental Office  
820 Watson St.  
Big Pine, CA

6. Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone  
Environmental Office  
1101 E-Sha Ln  
Lone Pine, CA

If you require special accommodations to participate in this meeting in person or by phone, please contact Holly Alpert ([holly@inyo-monowater.org](mailto:holly@inyo-monowater.org)) no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

### **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](http://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.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Leroy calls the meeting to order at 9:29 am

**RSVPs (19 signatories [*in italics*] needed)**

Yes

*Lisa Cutting, Mono Lake Committee*

Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono IRWM Program Office, *Amargosa Conservancy*

Mark Drew, *CalTrout*, IRWM Program Office

Malcolm Clark, *Sierra Club Range of Light Group*

Sam Merk, *Eastern Kern County RCD*

Jamie Robertson, *Town of Mammoth Lakes*

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

Ken Lloyd, *Eastern Sierra CSD*

Ron Stone, *Eastern Sierra CSD*

Bob Harrington, *Inyo County Water Department*

Nick Criss, *Mono County*

Linda Monreal, *Birchim CSD*

Donna Thomas, *Desert Mountain RC&D*

Bob Robinson, *Desert Mountain RC&D*

Earl Wilson, member of the public

Yes – via phone

*Bruce Woodworth, Mono County RCD, WRAMP Foundation*

*Dave Grah, City of Bishop*

*Jennifer Krafcheck and Anita Johnson, Eastern Sierra CSD*

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

*Mel Joseph, Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation*

*Kari Hunter, Desert Mountain RC&D*

*Melanie Richards, Desert Mountain RC&D*

*Brian Adkins, Bishop Paiute Tribe*

Brent Calloway, Inyo/Mono Agriculture Commission

**2. Public Comment**

- Check from Mono Lake Committee is being corrected
- Bridgeport PUD has contributed \$300; Holly will send check to Bruce

**3. Quick Decision Items**

- a. **DECISION ITEM:** Approve April 27, 2016, Meeting Summary
  - Malcolm moves to approve. Leroy seconds. All approved.

**4. Program Office Personnel**

- a. Mark transitioning out
  - As of the end of May, the last Planning Grant was complete. Mark and CalTrout will be stepping back as the lead of the IRWM Program. CalTrout will remain a Member of the Group, and Mark will remain involved in water policy in rural headwaters regions.
  - Group thanks Mark for all of his contribution and work.
  - Bob hopes he maintains continued involvement through his CalTrout membership in the Group.
  - Holly would assume the Program Director role as of July 1.
  - Mark has gone to the Mono County Board of Supervisors, and they have

asked that Holly go directly to the board. She will also go to Inyo County and talk with Kern County Supervisor if she can. Leroy asks that she let the Group know the dates of those meetings.

- b. Holly assumes Director role
- c. **DECISION ITEM: Approve Holly Alpert as Inyo-Mono IRWM Program Director, effective July 1, 2016**
  - Ken Lloyd moves to appoint Holly as Director. Bob seconded. All approved.
- d. Lisa Cutting as notetaker
  - Lisa has offered to help with taking notes at meetings through the end of 2016 and be paid out of the ECWA monies. Lisa is with Mono Lake Committee.
- e. Effective as of end of June 2016

#### 5. Administrative Committee vacancy

- a. Linda Wimberly no longer at Bridgeport Indian Colony; need to appoint replacement for 2016-2017 term
  - Decision made at the previous meeting to keep Leroy as Chair and Bob as Vice-Chair
  - Looking for interested parties to serve on Admin. Committee through the end of 2017
- b. **DECISION ITEM: Approve new Admin. Committee member for 2016-2017 term**
  - Bob moves to appoint Ken Lloyd of the Eastern Sierra Community Services District. Jamie seconds. No discussion. All approve.
  - Current Administrative Committee Members:
    - Leroy Corlett (Chair), Indian Wells Valley Water District
    - Bob Harrington (Vice-Chair), Inyo County Water Department
    - Lisa Cutting, Mono Lake Committee
    - Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club Range of Light Group
    - Dave Grah, City of Bishop
    - Ken Lloyd, Eastern Sierra Community Services District

#### 6. Round 2 Planning Grant wrap-up

- a. Summary presentation of accomplishments
  - Holly will post the presentation on the website and link it here: <http://inyo-monowater.org/planning/> (look under Grant Deliverables of Planning Grant 2)
- b. Financial report
  - Part of the presentation; will be giving up around \$10,000
- c. Next & final steps
  - Mark, Rick, and Holly are working on the final wrap-up tasks, and then Holly will be doing the last invoicing and final reporting

#### 7. Prop. 1 DAC Involvement (DACI) Grant

- a. Update on work with Lahontan region IRWM groups, CRWA
  - Initial round is for disadvantaged community involvement and engagement
  - Arrangement with other Lahontan IRWM regions for Prop. 1 money
  - We will receive about \$3.69 million through Prop. 1
  - Inyo-Mono program will spearhead a funding area-wide proposal for DACI round as well as serve as the project lead
  - Each IRWM region is contributing \$4000 to support proposal coordination costs
  - Inyo-Mono project proposal cost is coming out of ECWA money
- b. May 20 DAC workshop
  - Organized a one-day workshop in South Lake Tahoe for IRWM groups in the Sierra to provide information on DAC engagement activities and then discussing coordinated proposals
  - Follow-up workshop to take place in August focused on proposal development, but it will be directed towards

- c. Draft work plan
    - Holly described the DACI proposal process and explained that we are waiting for the final Prop. 1 Guidelines and DACI RFP to be released from DWR
    - Holly has been working with the other Lahontan funding area IRWM regions to get their early work plan ideas
    - Holly reviewed the major categories of work that the Inyo-Mono proposal will likely target (DAC involvement, DAC assistance, coordination with regions outside Inyo-Mono)
    - She will try to get a DAC advisory group going to help with the proposal and provide advice and guidance throughout the project; if anyone is interested, contact Holly
    - Bob's suggestion regarding DAC involvement in SGMA is to think about community-based needs vs. basin-wide needs
  - d. Next steps
    - Holly will continue working on the Inyo-Mono proposal as well as with the other IRWM regions
    - When the proposal is submitted is partly dependent on when the final documents are released by DWR, but likely sometime in July or August
- 8. Round 1 Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Update (Central Sierra RC&D)**
- Holly learned recently from Valerie that a (hopefully) final amendment has been executed to provide extra time for the SCADA project and then for the final grant administration
  - Holly thought this amendment would take the grant out through September 30, 2016
  - The last update anyone had on the SCADA project was soon after the January RWMG meeting
  - **Action Item:** Bob will follow up on SCADA with Inyo County
  - **Action Item:** Leroy will call Valerie for an update on the amendment and grant administration
- 9. 2015 Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Update (Desert Mountain RC&D)**
- Update from Kari
  - Draft grant agreement sent back to Desert Mountain and project proponents for review
  - Some alterations made and sent back to DWR; can take up to six weeks for them to review and finalized
  - DWR has prioritized regions that have significant DAC projects
  - They are working to execute agreements with all the projects too
  - There will be another project manager meeting soon
  - Some discussion between Paula Welch and Kari about permits
  - There will be meetings with project managers every 4-6 weeks
  - As soon as grant agreement approved by DWR, project work can begin
- 10. Looking ahead to next 6 months**
- a. Work in June and July
    - This topic was largely covered in other parts of the meeting
    - Holly reiterated that, although operations may be reduced, she will continue to be available and Members and stakeholders should feel free to contact her as needed
    - Further fundraising
    - **Action item:** Mark will include a list of which organizations have contributed how much in the finance plan and when they became Members
- 11. Announcements, process check**
- IWV has formed a GSA in concept and is out for approval and expected to be signed by end of July. They will then start working on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. \$250,000 from DWR will go towards supporting the GSP, including technical studies. The GSA will be a Joint Powers Authority.

- Owens Valley is the other medium-priority groundwater basin. DWR is offering facilitation services. The facilitator is working on a situation assessment by interviewing stakeholders. She will come up with recommendations for how to go about forming a sustainability agency. It's complicated because of the various parts of the basin, DWP, Tri-Valley, tribes, City of Bishop, etc.
  - Possible involvement for RWMG: help Tri-Valley get capacity to participate in SGMA
- Trans-boundary groundwater issues between Nevada and California (Fish Lake Valley)

**12. Review of action items, decision items, and recommendations from today's meeting**

**13. Next RWMG meeting: ?? (as needed)**

**14. Adjourn**

- Leroy adjourns meeting at 11:52 am

