

# Notes

## Inyo – Mono IRWM Administrative Committee Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**In-person option at California Trout in Mammoth Lakes**

**Conference call option at right**

Admin. Committee Members must send call-in location to Holly by Sunday, April 12, 2015 and post agenda at location

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

### Call-in locations

1. Big Pine Paiute Tribe Environmental Office  
820 Watson St  
Big Pine, CA

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

### AGENDA

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

##### In attendance

Holly Alpert, IRWMP Staff  
Mark Drew, IRWMP Staff  
Leroy Corlett, Indian Wells Valley Water District  
Malcolm Clark, Sierra Club  
Bruce Woodworth, Central Sierra RC&D  
Bob Harrington, Inyo County  
Justin Nalder, Bridgeport Indian Colony  
Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe

Alan convened the meeting at 10:02 am PST.

#### 2. Public Comment Period

- No public comment

#### 3. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for remainder of 2015

- Propose to select Chair and Vice-Chair through the end of the year since we are almost through the first half of the year
- Flipped a coin
- **Leroy will be Chair; Bob will serve as Vice-Chair. All approved.**

#### 4. Report on Round 1 Implementation projects and administration from Central Sierra RC&D

- Invoice through June 2014 is approved/close to final (signed?) and moving forward
- Invoice through September 2014 is being prepared, but Valerie may prepare one invoice for third and fourth quarters of 2014
- Inyo County projects are back on track; MCWD project seems to be more behind
- Grant still scheduled to finish at the end of the year
- **Holly will look into where Program Office is with each task budget**

- **Mark will follow up with Valerie on the various amendments that have been submitted and will request copies of submitted invoices**
5. Round 3 Fiscal Agent
- Need to find grantee for Round 3 Implementation grant for Inyo-Mono region
  - Mark and Bob talked a bit about Inyo County serving; there's not much update since they last talked
  - Assuming an August 1, 2015, deadline
  - There is \$1.88 million available for Inyo-Mono IRWM region
  - Desert Mountain RC&D might be interested as they are looking for operations funding
  - Question whether Eastern California Water Association is in a position to manage a grant of that size; potentially could partner with another agency, like Desert Mountain
  - **Mark will reach out to Desert Mountain RC&D and Leroy will follow up**
  - **Bob will follow up with Inyo County staff on their interest**
  - Bruce requests that RWMG require of the fiscal agent that the Program Office to prepare the grant application and also require the fiscal agent to be under contract for cost-benefit analysis and labor requirements (such as soliciting consultants to help with those tasks and pay for it out of the administration fee)
  - **Request to get the fiscal agent responsibilities back out and send to the Admin. Committee – Holly**
6. Update on Round 3 projects
- a. Discuss proposed project selection process
- The working committee has discussed how to fund proposal development through each project proponent kicking in; there would also be 3% of each project grant ask to go to the Program Office
  - Discussion about reimbursing proposal preparation expenses; question of is it just Program Office's work reimbursed or the work of individual project proponents as well? Mark proposes that expenses for proposal preparation on behalf of the Program Office and fiscal agent be reimbursed but not those of individual project proponents. Bruce disagrees. Leroy suggests that it has to come out of individual project budgets as they've already been submitted.
  - Or, should we be looking at a grantwriter? For now, Program Office will move forward as the grantwriter.
  - **PO will reach out to project proponents with some more information about how many projects to submit, consolidate projects, and provide more detailed/accurate budgets. Also give consideration to proposal preparation costs and include explicitly in budget. Project proponent should also prioritize multiple projects. Send back to Program Office by April 29. It would be incumbent on project proponents to be able to prepare an entire proposal according to the PSP and consider that as they prepare their budgets.**
  - May 20: deadline for ranking so that it can go into the May 27 meeting agenda
  - Solicit from the RWMG a ranking committee? One idea is that the Admin. Committee serves as core ranking committee and solicits additional RWMG Members to serve. Open door. Alternative suggestion is to have entire RWMG evaluate/rank. Must rank all projects.
  - Holly suggests having project proponents submit only budget, work plan, schedule, and the RWMG or ranking committee evaluates those based on parts of the PSP scoring scheme.
  - **Mark and Holly will develop a proposed ranking based on the PSP priorities and send it to the RWMG by this Friday. Follow up with project proponents**

**to consolidate, integrate, or phase. Bob thinks we should have project proponents prioritize multiple projects (Bruce does not agree). Will include this in our ask of project proponents.**

7. Next Admin. Committee/RWVG Meetings
  - a. RWVG Meeting: April 22, 2015, Forest Service Supervisor's Office, Bishop

Leroy, as the new Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:59 am.