

Meeting Summary

Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2016
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Conference call only

Call-in option:
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Please **RSVP for the Inyo-Mono RWMG meeting** by emailing Holly Alpert (holly@inyo-monowater.org) by **Friday, April 22, 2016, 5:00 pm**.

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Call-in locations:

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| 1. Inyo County Water Department
135 South Jackson St.
Independence, CA | Bishop, CA |
| 2. Leroy Corlett Residence
1217 N. Inyo St.
Ridgecrest, CA | 10. Big Pine Paiute Tribe
820 Watson St
Big Pine, CA |
| 3. Amargosa Conservancy
Highway 127
Shoshone, CA | 11. Eastern Sierra CSD
301 West Line St., Suite D
Bishop, CA |
| 4. Mono Lake Committee
Hwy 395 at Third St
Lee Vining, CA | 12. California Trout
3399 Main St., Suite V-5
Mammoth Lakes, CA |
| 5. Bishop City Hall
377 West Line St
Bishop, CA | 13. Bruce Woodworth Residence
824 Burcham Flat Rd
Coleville, CA |
| 6. Desert Mountain RC&D
1259 E. Ridgecrest Blvd., #7
Ridgecrest, CA | 14. Eastern Kern County RCD
300 South Richmond Rd
Ridgecrest, CA |
| 7. Mammoth Community Water District
1315 Meridian Blvd
Mammoth Lakes, CA | 15. Linda Monreal Residence
168 Pinion Hill Rd
Tom's Place, CA |
| 8. Mono County Community
Development
437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite P
Mammoth Lakes, CA | 16. Bridgeport PUD
233 Twin Lakes Rd
Bridgeport, CA |
| 9. Bishop Paiute Tribe EMO
50 Tu Su Ln | 17. Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone
Environmental Office
1101 E-Sha Lane
Lone Pine, CA |

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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.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

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

Yes

Mark Drew, California Trout, IRWM Program Office

Holly Alpert, IRWM Program Office

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

Rick Kattelmann, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, IRWM Program Office

Irene Yamashita, Mammoth Community Water District

Bob Harrington, Inyo County Water Department

Lisa Cutting, Mono Lake Committee

Dave Grah, City of Bishop

Linda Monreal, Birchim CSD

Ken Reynolds, Bridgeport PUD

Brent Calloway, Mono County

Wendy Sugimura, Mono County

Patrick Donnelly, Amargosa Conservancy

Alan Bacock, Big Pine Paiute Tribe, Owens Valley Committee

Bruce Woodworth, Mono County RCD, WRAMP Foundation

Jan Zimmerman, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Peter Bernasconi, Bishop Paiute Tribe

Walt Pachucki, Eastern Sierra Community Services District

Renn Nolan, Bridgeport Utilities District

Melanie Richards, Desert Mtn. RC&D

Donna Thomas, Desert Mtn. RC&D

Kari Hunter, Desert Mtn. RC&D

Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra CSD

Anita Johnson, Eastern Sierra CSD

Brian Adkins, Bishop Paiute Tribe

Cindy Wise, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Leroy began the meeting at 10:03 am

2. **Public Comment**

- No public comment

3. **Quick Decision Items**

- a. **DECISION ITEM:** Approve January 27, 2016, Meeting Summary
 - Rick moves to approve meeting summary. Irene seconds. All approved.

4. **Post-Planning Grant funding**

- a. 2015 year-end fundraising campaign update
 - Planning Grant ends May 31, 2016
 - Last fall, Mark and Leroy pursued unrestricted funds from the RWMG to keep the Program afloat in the “gap” between grants
 - Have secured \$19,500 so far
 - Big thanks to everyone who has contributed, especially Town of Mammoth Lakes (\$10,000), Mammoth Community Water District (\$4,000), Mono County (\$2,000), and Indian Wells Valley Water District (\$1,000)
- b. June 1 to ~December 31, 2016, work plan and budget
 - Program Office has developed a work plan for how those funds would be allocated in the gap. Mark reviewed the main categories of work (and

- associated budgets) presented in the work plan.
- Mark suggests an amendment to the work plan based on the \$19,500 raised vs. the \$20,000 budgeted
- Time period: June 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 (should have Prop. 1 DAC involvement funding by then and/or additional funding secured)
- Categories of expenses: ongoing program operations (scaled down) (to \$4,500), fundraising, writing/coordinating DAC involvement grant (this part is reimbursable and could be used again at a later time), continue support of policy involvement, and ECWA administrative expenses.
- Question on what ECWA role is in this process; answer is that they would oversee and administer the funds raised
- c. **DECISION ITEM: Approve work plan categories and general budget allocation**
 - Irene motions as amended to \$19,500. Alan seconds. All approved.
- d. **DECISION ITEM: Provide authority to Eastern California Water Association to pay expenses within the approved budget allocations**
 - Mark moves to approve ECWA to pay for services within approved budget and work plan. Dave seconds. All approved.
 - Bruce wants to know what signatures would be required to expend money. He suggests that the non-ECWA board members of the Admin. Committee are the other signatories who can approve expenditures.
 - Irene suggests that Admin. Comm. Chair approves expenditure.
 - Checks should require two signatures.
 - Amended motion from Mark: ECWA has authority to administer funds monthly per this decision item; the Admin. Committee Chair and Lisa Cutting (current member of the Admin. Committee) will have authority to approve all expenses and cut checks. They will have five days to respond to approval requests; if one or the other does not respond, then the other person has sole authority; if both do not respond, the ECWA is authorized to approve expenditures. Rick seconds. All approved.
- e. **DECISION ITEM: The Administrative Committee may make changes to the work plan and budget allocations**
 - Rick moves to approve the AC to make changes to work plan and budget allocations. Lisa seconds. All approved.

5. Prop. 1 DAC Involvement Grant

- a. Review of funding opportunity and coordination with Lahontan IRWM partners
 - There are several funding rounds associated with Prop. 1 IRWM money
 - Lahontan region was allocated \$24.5 million
 - 1st round: DAC engagement and involvement (10%; noncompetitive); 2nd round: DAC project implementation (another 10%; timing uncertain); 3rd round: traditional project implementation (largest round, or maybe two)
 - Draft Guidelines and RFP have been circulated, and comment period is over; final documents are expected in June
 - DWR is requiring single grantee to speak on behalf of entire funding area for DAC involvement grant
 - DWR also looking for some amount of coordination in the work among the IRWM regions in the funding area
 - Proposal process is iterative, and DWR will work with regions on work plans; DWR wants to have grants executed by end of 2016; we plan to submit a proposal by mid-summer
- b. Report on Lahontan funding area Prop. 1 funding allocation agreement
 - At last meeting, Program Office asked for guidance on continuing negotiations with Lahontan funding region to split up Prop. 1 \$24.5 million
 - We were able to get buy-in to include geographic component in the overall allocation
 - Agreed on 50% equitable split, 40% population split, 10% area split

- We are now at almost a \$3.7 million allocation for Inyo-Mono region, up from \$2.6 million using the Prop. 84 allocation scheme (THANKS MARK AND HOLLY!)

Total Prop. 1 Funding	Mojave	Inyo-Mono	Antelope Valley	Tahoe-Sierra	Lahontan Basins	Fremont Valley	Total Lahontan Region
3-Way Split (50% eq, 40% pop, 10% a)	\$ 6,188,070.75	\$ 3,694,015.57	\$ 5,620,750.59	\$ 2,596,755.68	\$ 2,553,969.79	\$ 2,131,437.61	\$ 22,785,000.00
DAC Proposal Scenarios	Mojave	Inyo-Mono	Antelope Valley	Tahoe-Sierra	Lahontan Basins	Fremont Valley	Total DAC Engagement Funding
DAC Funding split w/ Fremont included	\$665,383.95	\$397,205.98	\$604,381.78	\$279,221.04	\$274,620.41	\$229,186.84	\$ 2,450,000.00
Fremont share split using formula (\$213,143)	\$ 66,063.55	\$ 40,976.67	\$ 60,357.07	\$ 29,939.69	\$ 29,509.32	\$ -	N/A
DAC funding split without Fremont, distributed according to formula	\$ 731,447.51	\$ 438,182.65	\$ 664,738.85	\$ 309,160.74	\$ 304,129.73	\$ -	\$ 2,447,659.47

- c. **DECISION ITEM:** Approve California Rural Water Association as grantee for Lahontan funding area DAC Involvement grant application
 - All Lahontan area IRWM regions are in favor of CRWA serving as grantee
 - **Dave Grah moves to approve CRWA as grantee for DAC involvement grant. Rick seconds. All approved.**
- d. **DECISION ITEM:** Approve expenditure of up to \$8,000 of ECWA funding to support DAC involvement proposal development and coordination costs (to be paid to Program Office staff), to be reimbursed by grant
 - This is not needed because of the decision made in 4.c.
- e. **DECISION ITEM:** Inyo-Mono Program Office will serve as Lahontan funding area project coordinator
 - It has been recognized that the Inyo-Mono Program is a leader in the DAC arena and was informally nominated to be the coordinator of the proposal development and also the lead on implementation of the overall DAC project
 - This would primarily be Holly with Mark's support
 - All IRWM regions would contribute \$4,000 towards the development of the proposal
 - **Irene motions that Inyo-Mono Program Office serves as Lahontan funding area project coordinator. Ken Reynolds seconds. All approved.**
 - Bruce wants to consider overhead expenses for the RWMG coming from the grant to cover administrative costs. Mark responds that we will include such expenses as much as we can within the requirements of the RFP.
- f. Early work plan ideas – to be presented more comprehensively in May
 - Holly ran through a few early work plan ideas, such as technical assistance, capacity-building trainings, leak detection, grantwriting training, circuit rider, etc. Once she begins developing these ideas further, she will be sending out a draft to the RWMG and DACs to get feedback and additional ideas
 - **Action Item: Program Office will come back with a draft work plan in May**
 - **Action Item: RWMG Members and stakeholders should send ideas to Holly (please reference the draft RFP) by May 6, 2016**
- g. Next steps – plan for proposal process
 - Gather information from the other IRWM regions and look for opportunities for collaboration
 - May 18 (now May 20): one-day workshop with other eastern California and Sierra IRWM practitioners and agency people, to share information about what's

possible through the DAC involvement grants. There is funding to support this event; if you are interested, contact Mark or Kate Gladstein:

kgladstein@gmail.com.

- PO will be meeting with the other Lahontan IRWM regions to discuss proposal

6. 2015 Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Update

- Seven projects (including Desert Mtn. grant admin)
- DWR has been requiring paperwork from each project
- Everything has been submitted to DWR, and DWR has had some feedback and questions
- Grant agreement is being written by DWR and will need to be reviewed by grantee/project proponents and within DWR
 - Should be done within 1-2 months
- Inyo-Mono region may be getting pushed because of the number of DAC projects
- Held first project manager meeting last week and will continue holding them likely monthly

7. Additional fundraising needs

- Mark gives a frown ☹ to those that have not yet contributed
- Programmatic money is still needed
- We may be in a similar situation in 7 months as the DAC involvement money will not support general programmatic activities
- **Action item: Correct information for payment:**
Eastern California Water Association
824 Burcham Flat Rd
Coleville, CA 96107
- **Action item: Holly will send the fundraising letter again in a separate email to the RWMG**

8. Announcements, process check

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

10. Next RWMG meeting: May 25, 2016

- a. Call for agenda items
 - Please let us know if other items come to mind

11. Adjourn

Leroy adjourns the meeting at 11:43 am.