



# Final Meeting Notes

## Regional Water Management Group Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020**  
**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Via Zoom:**

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

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### **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.

## AGENDA – August 26, 2020, RWMG meeting

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Quick Zoom tips
- b. Introductions
  - Holly Alpert – Inyo-Mono IRWMP, California Rural Water Association*
  - Allison Dodds- Inyo-Mono IRWMP, California Rural Water Association*
  - Betty Hylton – Mammoth Community Water District*
  - Linda Monreal – Birchim CSD*
  - Don Zdeba - Indian Wells Valley Water District*
  - Steve Heimlich- Lundy Mutual Water Company*
  - Aaron Steinwand – OVGA, Inyo County*
  - Edward Herrmann – Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation*
  - Ryan Marshall – Fort Independence Indian Tribe*
  - Bruce Woodworth – WRAMP Foundation, Mono County RCD*
  - Malcolm Clark – Sierra Club Range of Light*
  - Jeff Fitzsimmons – Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board*
  - Noah Williams – Big Pine Paiute Tribe*
  - Deston Dishion – City of Bishop*
  - Peter Pumphrey – Eastern Sierra Audubon*
  - Terry Tye - Indian Creek-Westridge CSD, Bishop*
  - Bobbi Fabian – Amargosa Opera House*
  - Paul Stiglich – June Lake PUD*
  - Karen Bedow- joined for “Cash for Grass” presentation*

### 2. Public Comment

### 3. Round 2 Implementation

- a. Likely to only be one more round of Prop. 1 Implementation funding, but not certain. Application process not likely until late 2021. Application process, review, awards, and contracting with the state all take time, so funding would not actually flow until well into 2022.
- b. Can start to identify shovel-ready projects now
- c. Holly asked if the RWMG is willing to put general ECWA resources towards identifying and lining up projects. Many thumbs up.
  - 1. Action Item: Allison and Holly will begin to work with stakeholders to identify projects that are either already in the queue or might be new to the IRWMP.
- d. Holly suggested there could be a committee to discuss projects and process. Bruce, Malcolm, and Linda volunteered. To start, this would not be a large time commitment.

### 4. Project Presentations (10-15 minutes, including questions)

- a. Terry Tye, Indian Creek-Westridge CSD, Bishop
  - Various Funding Experiences over past 15 years
- b. Betty Hylton, Mammoth Community Water District
  - Water Line Replacements and Tank Rehabilitation
- d. Don Zdeba, Indian Wells Valley Water District
  - “Cash for Grass” presentation (presentation will be available on IRWMP website)

### 5. Grant updates

- a. Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant
  - i. Work has slowed down on outreach and education

- ii. Work is more focused on technical assistance & project development; also SGMA and trainings
  - TA and project development happening with Keeler CSD, Cartago MWC, Lundy MWC, and Big Pine CSD/Big Pine Paiute Tribe intertie
  - Work mostly being done by CRWA engineering staff
  - We may need to extend grant because of the above projects
  - Also continuing CRWA trainings. They are virtual now, and the next one is a Regulatory Update on Sept. 29.
- iii. Also website updates and GIS tool
  - Allison & Holly are creating 2-page project descriptions for all projects funded under IRWMP. These are going onto the website.
- iv. DACI summit in October (DWR putting on) – will send information- will be tribal component. Focused on all stakeholders.
- v. Looking to move some money around to support TA
- vi. Current grant end is April 30, 2020; may move that out (2021)
- b. Prop. 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant
  - i. Closed out!!!
- c. Prop. 84 2016 Round Implementation Grant
  - i. Grant ended March 31, 2020, though it's unclear if it's fully closed out.
  - ii. Retention checks were being distributed
- d. Prop. 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant
  - i. Final award was June 2, 2020
  - ii. ECWA is the grantee, and the grant is funding three projects: Big Pine CSD, Death Valley Junction, and Crowley Lake MWC
  - iii. Grant agreement development is in process

## 6. Announcements, process check

**Deston Dishion** – State Water Resources Control Board workshops on consolidation have been postponed due to lack of interest. Keep eyes open for October dates. Workshop focused on Bishop Area Systems; Holly says we can help with outreach.

City of Bishop and Eastern Sierra CSD have formed a new JPA called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority. They are purchasing 350 acres from DWP.

**Jeff Fitzsimmons** – Benton crossing landfill closing 2020. Agencies might have a need for sludge disposal. Mono County looking at Pumice Valley landfill. Trying to identify other agencies that have a need. What's best facility to receive it?

Betty Hylton– MCWD taking sludge to Fallon, Nevada

Jeff Fitzsimmons – are there any composting facilities in the county – Holly says Mono County Solid Waste at least talking about it.

Holly Alpert – work being done exploring biomass facility (talking about it)

## 7. Review action items, decision items, and recommendations

**ACTION:** Begin soliciting projects for Round 2 Implementation

**ACTION** – Make a list of local Eastern Sierra contractors/ engineers

**ACTION** - Follow up with Deston about doing outreach (contacts) for State Meeting

## 8. Next RWMG meeting – likely January 27, 2021

## 9. Adjourn