

Attachment 1: Authorizing Documentation

Attachment 1 consists of the following:

- ✓ **Letter from UMRWA Executive Officer Authorizing Planning Grant Application Submittal**

The letter from Rob Alcott, Executive Officer of Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA), dated January 17, 2012 documents his authorization to submit the Mokelumne Interregional Conjunctive Use Program IRWM Interregional Planning Grant Application on behalf of the Mokelumne-Amador-Calaveras (MAC) and Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Regions.

- ✓ **MOU for the Preparation of a Proposition 84 Planning Grant Application to Define and Investigate an Inter-Regional Conjunctive Use Concept**

UMRWA, the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) of the MAC region, and the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA), the RWMG of the Eastern San Joaquin region, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on October 10, 2011, agreeing to participate in the preparation and cost-sharing of an inter-regional Prop 84 planning grant application. The UMRWA Board of Directors approved the MOU on October 12, 2011 as stated in the letter from Rob Alcott previously mentioned.

- ✓ **UMWRA Board of Directors Summary Minutes from October 7, 2011 Meeting**

The summary minutes reference the Board of Directors authorizing the Executive Officer, Rob Alcott, to administer the grant application on behalf of the MAC and Eastern San Joaquin Regions.



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Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management

Subject: Documentation authorizing Interregional IRWM Planning Grant application – Round 2

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to document my authorization to submit an Interregional Planning Grant application on behalf of the Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA) and the Eastern San Joaquin IRWM Region, and the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) and the Mokelumne-Amador-Calaveras IRWM Region. Both the GBA and UMRWA are joint powers agencies comprised of local public agencies within their respective regions and governed by individual Boards of Directors.

I am authorized to submit this Interregional Planning Grant application pursuant to the terms of an October 11, 2011 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UMRWA and the GBA. Specifically, paragraph 1 of the MOU provides:

UMRWA shall, for the purposes of preparing an inter-regional Proposition 84 Planning Grant application, serve as the Administrating Agency. As Administrating Agency UMRWA shall be responsible for the following;

- *Entering into a contract with a qualified Consultant to prepare the Proposition 84 Planning Grant proposal*
- *Day-to-day administration of Consultant contract*
- *Submitting the Proposition 84 Planning Grant proposal to DWR*
- *Accepting and separately accounting for awarded funds*

This MOU was approved by the UMRWA Board of Directors on October 7, 2011 and the GBA Board of Directors on October 12, 2011. A copy of the executed MOU is attached.

Please contact me directly at robalcott@aol.com or 707-785-1008 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rob Alcott

Rob Alcott
Executive Officer

Members

Alpine County • Alpine County Water Agency • Amador County • Amador Water Agency • Calaveras County • Calaveras County Water District • Calaveras Public Utility District • East Bay Municipal Utility District • Jackson Valley Irrigation District

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For the Preparation of a Proposition 84 Planning Grant Application to Define and Investigate an Inter-Regional Conjunctive Use Concept

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into this 10th day of Oct., 2011 by and among the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) and the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA). UMRWA and GBA are referred to collectively as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the UMRWA is a joint powers authority comprised of agencies with water supply and water resource management authorities and responsibilities in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and

WHEREAS, the GBA is a joint powers authority established in 2001 and comprised of agencies with water supply and water resource management authorities and responsibilities within San Joaquin County, and

WHEREAS, water resources originating from the Mokelumne River watershed have been and will remain a significant source of the water for people, the environment, and agribusiness and provide an invaluable contribution to the economy and public well-being, and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the potential for improved groundwater management and conjunctive management of ground and surface water resources, and are interested in mutually exploring the potential for increased availability of water supplies through the development of an inter-regional conjunctive use concept, and

WHEREAS, this concept may utilize new and expanded water storage, groundwater banking, water exchanges, water transfers, conservation, recycling, improved urban and agricultural efficiencies together with other watershed and habitat improvements as part of an overall natural resources strategy for the Mokelumne River watershed to provide additional water supply sustainability and reliability benefits to the Parties, their member agencies and the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Parties, through the Mokelumne River Forum, have determined to proceed collaboratively to investigate the potential benefits of this inter-regional concept, and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that this MOU between UMRWA and the GBA which defines the Parties respective roles and responsibilities in preparing a Proposition 84 Planning Grant application is appropriate and desired.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties recognize that this MOU is a statement of agreement to participate in the preparation and cost-sharing of a Proposition 84 Planning Grant

application to be submitted in the next round of Planning Grants offered by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Parties further acknowledge that time is of the essence.

The Parties agree to the following:

1.0 ADMINISTRATING AGENCY

1.1 UMRWA shall, for the purposes of preparing an inter-regional Proposition 84 Planning Grant application, serve as the Administrating Agency. As Administrating Agency UMRWA shall be responsible for the following;

- a) Entering into a contract with a qualified Consultant to prepare the Proposition 84 Planning Grant proposal.
- b) Day-to-day administration of Consultant contract.
- c) Submitting the Proposition 84 Planning Grant proposal to DWR.
- d) Accepting and separately accounting for awarded funds.

2.0 MOKELUMNE RIVER FORUM – JOINT PLANNING GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE

2.1 The Joint Planning Grant Subcommittee, as established by the Mokelumne River Forum, shall be responsible for;

- a) Developing the Grant Application Scope of Work which describes the mutually agreed upon work to be funded by a Proposition 84 Planning Grant.
- b) Deciding whether UMRWA, the GBA or another mutually acceptable agency shall be designated in the Application to receive any awarded Inter-regional Planning Grant funds.
- c) Reviewing and providing timely comments on the draft Application prepared by Consultant.
- d) Making all Application-related decisions by unanimous consent.

3.0 APPLICATION FUNDING AND COST SHARING

3.1 UMRWA and the GBA shall each be responsible for 50% of the Consultant costs needed to prepare the Proposition 84 Planning Grant application. Consultant cost shall not exceed \$30,000 unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

3.2 UMRWA and the GBA shall each contribute up to \$3,000 to compensate UMRWA staff for managing the Consultant contract and coordinating input on the draft application by the Parties.

3.3 UMRWA shall invoice GBA for its agreed-upon cost share and GBA will remit payment within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

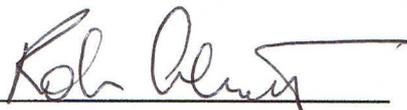
3.4 Each Party shall be solely responsible for paying costs it incurs in fulfilling its responsibilities as described herein.

4.0 MOKELUMNE RIVER FORUM RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The role of the Mokelumne River Forum during the preparation of the Proposition 84 Planning Grant application will be:

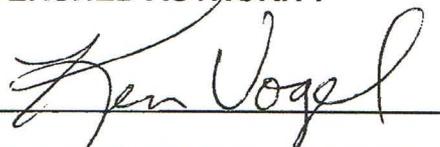
- a) Facilitate the Application Review Committee's development of the Grant Proposal Scope of Work which describes the mutually agreed upon work to be funded by a Proposition 84 Planning Grant.
- b) With respect to 4.1a, facilitate resolution of any conflicts internal to the Parties that may arise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Party has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year set forth above.

By: 

Title: Executive Officer

**UPPER MOKELUMNE RIVER
WATERSHED AUTHORITY**

By: 

Title: Chairman

**NORTHEASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
GROUNDWATER BANKING AUTHORITY**

Summary Minutes

ROLL CALL

Directors John Coleman, Bob Dean, Donna Leatherman, Robert Manassero, Ted Novelli, Steve Wilensky, and Hank Willy were present along with Executive Officer (EO) Rob Alcott, outgoing Authority Counsel Martha Shaver, incoming Authority Counsel Gregory Gillott, Authority Secretary April Hughes and eleven visitors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2011

Motion 19-11 to approve the July 22, 2011 regular meeting minutes was made by Director Dean seconded by Director Novelli carried by voice vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0.

2. Joint GBA-UMRWA Planning Grant Application

The Mokelumne River Forum has requested UMRWA serve as the lead agency for a joint Planning Grant application with the Northeastern San Joaquin Groundwater Banking Authority. Costs will be shared equally between UMRWA and the GBA with \$30,000 for RMC to prepare the grant application and \$6,000 to the EO to administer the contract and coordinate with members. UMRWA's share is budgeted in the current year under 'future grants and projects'. The EO recommended approval of \$18,000 for UMRWA's costs.

Director Dean asked for that the draft Planning Grant application be discussed at the January 27 Board meeting. The Board discussed how any issues or conflicts that may be encountered during preparation of the application would be explored and resolved given the tight application deadline. The EO said that any conflicts would be presented to the Board if time permits; otherwise the EO would use his best judgment to address any outstanding issue and report that action back to the Board.

Motion 20a-11 to approve the MOU with the GBA was made by Director Wilensky and seconded by Director Dean, and Motion 20b-11 to authorize \$18,000 in the FY2012 budget for UMRWA's costs and change the budget designation to 'Joint Planning Grant application' was made by Director Novelli and seconded by Director Manassero. The combined motion was carried by voice vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0.

3. Agreement with RMC to prepare Planning Grant Application

The EO advised the board a not-to-exceed \$30,000 agreement for the preparation of the joint Planning Grant application has been negotiated with RMC Water and Environment. RMC is the consulting firm that has had a lead role in UMRWA's two successful Prop 84 grant applications. The agreement has been reviewed by Authority Counsel. UMRWA's half share of the contract cost is provided in the FY2012 Budget. The GBA will be responsible for the other half of the cost.

Motion 21-11 to approve the agreement and authorize the EO to execute the agreement upon the GBA's approval and execution of the MOU made by Director Dean and seconded by Director Manassero, and carried by voice vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0.

4. Prop 84 Implementation Grant Status and Projects

UMRWA has received the Commitment Letter from DWR which awards UMRWA a \$2,298,000 Implementation Grant with conditions. Nearly all of these conditions, identified in an attachment to the letter as either Execution Conditions or Additional Requirements, were expected with the exception of two Additional Requirements related to DACs and Water Conservation projects. These two conditions specify that Disadvantaged Community (DAC) and Water Conservation projects must be included in the grant agreement for funding, at a minimum, in proportion to the partial funding the Grantee is awarded. For UMRWA, the \$2,298,000 award equates to 85% of the amount requested. Consequently, UMRWA's two proposed DAC projects and one Water Conservation project must be realized and funded at a minimum 85% of the Authority's original request. A conference call with UMRWA project sponsors, conducted on October 3, resulted in a consensus recommendation with respect to the allocation of grant funds to the proposed projects.

Motion 22-11 to retain the two DAC projects at full requested funding, retain the AWA conservation project at full requested funding (25% match required), and to request DWR to permit a modified work scope for the Camanche Regional WTP project based on the \$31,433 remaining grant balance plus any un-needed funds from the other three projects was made by Director Wilensky seconded by Director Leatherman, and carried by voice vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0.

5. MAC Plan Update Project underway

Work is underway on the MAC Plan Update process. The Regional Participants Committee (RPC) is scheduled to meet Wednesday October 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Amador County Administration Building, Board Room, 810 Court Street, Jackson. The RPC's primary focus over the coming months will be to guide the update of the original 2006 MAC Plan so the updated plan meets revised standards for Integrated Regional Water Management Plans established by the Legislature and DWR. The project schedule anticipates the RPC will meet 10 times over the next 20 months or so. The October 12 kick-off meeting agenda materials were distributed and posted on the UMRWA website on September 28.

Following discussion regarding the potential addition of members to the RPC the EO explained that the October 12 meeting would be the opportunity to consider such additions and that the RPC's governing rules reserve to the RPC the final decision as to changes to the RPC roster.

6. CSRC&D Agreement – Youth Watershed Stewardship Program

UMRWA has provided funds to support the local public schools Youth Watershed Stewardship Program (YWSP) since FY2006. Through a series of contracts with the Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development District (CSRC&D), the sponsor of the YWSP, Authority members have provided about \$137,000 in total funding to support the program's creation and continuation. The approved FY2012 UMRWA budget includes \$16,500 to continue the Authority's support of the local school Youth Watershed Stewardship Program.

Motion 23-11 to approve the agreement with CSRC&D and authorize the Executive Officer to execute the agreement was made by Director Dean, seconded by Director Manassero, and carried by voice vote: Yea 6 – Nay 0.

7. Update on PG&E's Proposed Mokelumne Pumped Hydro Project

The emailed update report prepared by Alan Soneda, Senior Project Engineer with PG&E, and included in this agenda item, was discussed. Dillon George, PG&E's field representative, added that PG&E's rate application had been dismissed by the CPUC on September 22 without prejudice, thus allowing PG&E to reapply.

No action was taken.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the final quarter of FY2011 (the quarter ending September 30) was distributed and reviewed.

Motion 24-11 to accept the Treasurer's Report for filing was made by Director Novelli, seconded by Director Dean, and carried by voice vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0.

9. Changes in UMRWA Personnel

The Chairman advised the Board of the retirement of Authority Counsel Martha Shaver who introduced Gregory Gillott, recently appointed Acting Amador County Counsel. The Chairman also advised the Board that Finance Director Gary Breaux has retired from East Bay Municipal Utility District and added that EBMUD Controller Scott Klein will serve as Authority Treasurer and Controller pending EBMUD's appointment of a new Finance Director.

10. Board Member Comments

Director Dean provided a brief summary of a Sept. 12 stakeholder meeting concerning the Sierra Meadows restoration program funded by a national conservation organization.

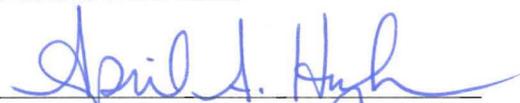
Director Novelli and other Board members commended Martha Shaver for her exemplary legal work in support of UMRWA.

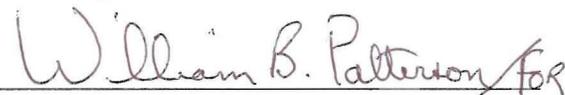
11. Executive Officer Comments

None

ADJOURNMENT: Director Coleman adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:


April Hughes, Authority Secretary


John Coleman, Chair of the Board

APPROVED: January 27, 2012