

Appendix 1-A

Memorandums of Understanding for Plan Development

Memorandum of Understanding
Yosemite-Mariposa Regional Water Management Group
Adopted – August 25, 2011

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and among the members of the Yosemite-Mariposa Regional Water Management Group (RWMG).

1. Purpose – The purpose and functions of the Regional Water Management Group are:
 - a. To meet the integrated water needs of the people of the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region now and into the future.
 - b. To build a committed, community-based management team capable of sustaining the IRWM planning process and to facilitate the prioritization, funding and implementation of water and watershed projects into the future.
 - c. To form partnerships with each other and with other governments, tribes, and organizations in the region to share knowledge and engage in beneficial activities.
 - d. To meet the needs of all of the stakeholders within the region, with particular emphasis on the disadvantaged communities within the region.
 - e. To enable optimal and effective management of water quantity and quality, providing efficient solutions to local and regional problems, considering multiple conservation resource issues, developing broad public support, and benefitting the State as a whole.
 - f. To prepare and adopt an IRWM plan as set forth in California Water Code Section 10540, following the notification and participation requirements of California Water Code Section 10541.

2. Membership
 - a. Eligibility: Membership in the RWMG is open to agencies, organizations and other water management authorities that represent interests within the region.
 - b. Eligible entities may become a member of the RWMG with the signature of an authorized representative on this MOU and agreeing to abide by its terms and conditions.
 - c. Members agree to assign a representative to attend RWMG meetings. If the representative is unavailable for any meeting, the member should assign an alternate representative to attend. Each member can have as many representatives attend as they wish but for purpose of voting each member will have only one vote.
 - d. Non-Voting Membership: The RWMG shall have the authority to establish and define non-voting categories of membership for agencies that are required to participate under these conditions, such as Department of Fish and Game, Department of Water Resources, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFire), United States Forest Service, State Water Quality Control Board, Natural Resources Conservation Service, etc.
 - e. Members may withdraw from the RWMG by sending written notice to the Lead Agency.

3. Lead Agency

- a. The Lead Agency for the RWMG is the entity which has been given the authority to enter into an agreement with the State on behalf of the RWMG to execute applications for funding, grant agreements, and other necessary documents.
- b. The initial Lead Agency designated for the Yosemite-Mariposa RWMG is the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District.
- c. The Lead Agency may be changed from time to time by decision of the RWMG in accordance with this MOU subject to the requirements of any grants or contracts in effect.

4. Scope and Term of Current MOU

- a. This MOU is intended to cover the period of time when the RWMG is engaged in pre-planning and planning, specifically while it is preparing the application for Department of Water Resources IRWMP grant funds and while it is developing the region's IRWM Plan.
- b. During the development of the IRWM Plan, the group will develop a governance structure that will cover the adoption of the Plan and its subsequent implementation.
- c. This MOU will sunset with the adoption of the IRWM Plan, concurrent with implementation of the new governance structure.

5. Limitations

- a. This MOU is not intended to, and it does not, impose legally binding requirements on the entities that participate in activities within its scope.
- b. It is the RWMG's intention that the IRWM Plan to be developed will not impose legally binding requirements. Since some members have inherent statutory regulatory authority, this MOU must remain non-binding and non-regulatory. It is intended to help the region's stakeholders to meet their water management goals, as set forth below and in other documents approved by the RWMG.

6. Intentions

The members of the RWMG

- acknowledge all local agencies within the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM regional boundary with statutory authority over water supply, water quality, water management, and/or flood protection;
- acknowledge each other's local and regional interests in water management and planning;
- commit to seeking to mitigate competing interests or conflicting policies among members at least so that those issues do not interfere with progress in integrated water planning and management.

7. Regional Water Management Goals

The following reflect the initial water management goals which the RWMG has submitted to the Department of Water Resources and hopes to meet through the IRWM planning and implementation activities. These goals will be expanded and modified through the IRWM public planning process:

- I. The Yosemite-Mariposa region has water supplies that are adequate, reliable, secure, affordable, sustainable (considering population and visitation growth), and of suitable quality for beneficial uses to protect, preserve, maintain, and enhance ecosystems, watersheds, communities, and environmental and agricultural resources.
- II. Interagency partnerships and collaboration with downstream watersheds supports water resources planning, water management for sustainable water use and resources, and increasing self-sufficiency.
- III. Water resource and land use planners make financially sustainable, informed collaborative choices using current scientific data to integrate land and water use decisions.
- IV. Integrated actions are implemented to: increase water supply reliability, use water more efficiently, protect water quality, improve flood protection, enhance forest management, prepare for flooding, and promote environmental stewardship considering and adapting to change, growth, and potential catastrophic events.
- V. The Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Plan enhances public health and safety, ensures environmental justice, and creates an informed public that participates in land and water use decisions.
- VI. The Yosemite-Mariposa region prepares for climate uncertainty by developing adaptation strategies and investing in a diverse set of actions that reduce the risk and consequences posed by climate change, that make the system more resilient to change, and that increase the sustainability of water and flood management systems and the ecosystems they depend on.
- VII. The benefits and consequences of water decisions, availability and condition of infrastructure, and access to federal, state, county and private resources meet a minimum threshold and are as equitable as possible within and across all communities.

8. Region Description

The Yosemite-Mariposa Region is the area within the Mariposa County boundaries.

9. Decision-Making Process

No member of the RWMG has the authority to bind the group outside of this decision-making process. The Group will make decisions and take action through the following decision making process:

a. Decisions by Consensus

The RWMG shall base its decision-making on consensus (agreement among all members) whenever possible.

b. Definition of "Consensus"

In reaching consensus, some members may strongly endorse a particular proposal while others may accept it as "workable." Others may be only able to "live with it." Still others may choose to "stand aside" by verbally noting a disagreement, yet allowing the group to reach a consensus without them if the decision does not affect them or compromise their interests. Any of these actions still constitutes consensus. Since the IRWMP has no

regulatory authority, any decisions it makes cannot regulate or force another entity against its will to take an action not in its interest.

c. Less than 100% Consensus Decision Making

The RWMG is not required to achieve strict consensus if 100% agreement among all participants cannot be reached after all interests and options have been thoroughly identified, explored, discussed and considered. Less-than-consensus decision-making shall not be undertaken lightly. If, after full exploration and discussion, the RWMG cannot come to 100% agreement, it may make decisions by agreement of 50% +1 of the total *active* members of the RWMG. *Active* participation means that the member has had a representative in attendance at half or more of the RWMG meetings held within the last year (or in the case an entity which has been a member for less than one year, for as long as they have been a member.)

10. Subcommittees/Issue committees/Working groups

RWMG committees, subcommittees and working groups may be formed and dissolved as needed by decision of the RWMG. No committee has the power to bind the RWMG unless agreed in advance by decision of the RWMG.

11. Meetings

a. The RWMG will hold regular monthly meetings scheduled at the same time every month (for example, the 4th Thursday of the month) and in the same location. The schedule and location may be varied based on need, holidays, room availability, etc. In such a case, adequate notice of the change will be provided to RWMG members and other stakeholders who have requested notice.

b. RWMG meetings will be open to the public and held in an accessible space. If requested by RWMG members or the public, the RWMG will attempt make a phone conference option available.

12. Expectations of Members

Members have the following responsibilities

- a. Members should assign a representative to attend RWMG meetings. When this representative is unavailable, a substitute representative should be sent.
- b. The representative attending meetings will prepare for the meeting by reading the meeting agenda and materials in advance.
- c. The representative attending meetings shall report back on the results of the meeting to the Member's governing body. If a Member's decision is required, the representative shall present the decision and background information to the Member's governing body and shall communicate the governing body's decision to the RWMG in the time period and manner requested.
- d. Members will contribute to and participate in the work of the RWMG as their resources allow.

13. Public Outreach and Participation

- a. All meetings and operations of the RWMG will be transparent and open to the public. Notice will be given to any stakeholder (agency or individual) requesting it in the

form (electronic or paper) requested. The RWMG will make every effort within its resources to communicate its meeting times and locations, activities, and significant upcoming decisions through media of public circulation, such as local newspapers, radio stations, etc.

- b. The RWMG will actively outreach to appropriate organizations, tribes, and other entities, particularly those representing disadvantaged communities, regarding its activities, meetings, and significant upcoming decisions.
- c. The RWMG shall operate in a manner which ensures a balance of interested persons or entities representing different sectors and interests and provides all such persons and entities with the opportunity to participate, regardless of their ability to contribute financially to the IRWM Plan or other IRWM activities.

14. Revisions to MOU

- a. This MOU may be revised by decision of the RWMG in accordance with Section 9 (Decision-Making Process). If consensus cannot be reached, the MOU may be revised by a vote of 50% +1 of those members eligible to vote.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Agency/Organization Name

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Memorandum of Understanding
Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management
ADOPTED – December 6, 2012

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 - a. To meet the integrated water needs of the residents of the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region now and into the future.
 - b. To build a committed, community-based management team capable of sustaining the IRWM planning process and to facilitate the prioritization, funding and implementation of water and watershed projects into the future.
 - c. To form partnerships with each other and with other governments, tribes and organizations in the region to share knowledge and engage in beneficial activities.
 - d. To meet the needs of all of the stakeholders within the region, with particular emphasis on the disadvantaged communities within the region.
 - e. To enable optimal and effective management of water quantity and quality, providing efficient solutions to local and regional problems, considering multiple conservation resource issues, developing broad public support and benefitting the State as a whole.
 - f. To prepare and adopt an IRWM plan as set forth in California Water Code Section 10540, following the notification and participation requirements of California Water Code Section 10541.
2. Membership
 - a. Eligibility: Membership in the RWAC is open to agencies, organizations and other water-management authorities that represent interests within the region, including:
 - 1) Government agencies or special districts with jurisdiction in Mariposa County;
 - 2) Organizations within Mariposa County with by-laws and/or 501(c) (3) status with the concurrence of the majority of the RWMG.
 - b. Any eligible entity may become a member of the RWAC with the signature of an authorized representative of the entity's governing body on this MOU and the entity's agreement to abide by the MOU's terms and conditions.
 - c. Member organizations agree to assign a representative and an alternate representative for RWAC meeting attendance. If the representative is unavailable for any meeting, the alternate representative will attend. Each RWAC member will have one vote.
 - d. Agency partners: The RWAC will have the authority to establish and define non-voting categories of membership for agencies that are required to participate under these conditions, such as Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Water Resources,

CAL FIRE, United States Forest Service, National Park Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Nevada Conservancy etc.

- e. Members may withdraw from the RWAC by sending a 30-day written notice to the lead agency.

3. Structure

- a. Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) – Overall direction, funding and approval for the IRWM planning process and work products are provided by five bodies – Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (fiscal lead agency), Mariposa County (water purveyor), Mariposa Public Utility District (water purveyor) and two other organizational representatives selected by the RWAC.
- b. Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC) – A Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC) of community representatives will identify regional water-management issues and needs; establish goals and objectives, plans and projects, and future funding and governance. RWAC members and alternates are listed on the RWAC Membership page.
- c. Agency Partners – Partners are encouraged to attend RWAC meetings and provide input to the Council. The RWAC also conducts outreach and involvement activities to inform community members and solicit input. During the IRWM planning process the RWAC will conduct stakeholder meetings as scheduled.
- d. Interested Parties – Members of the public, non-member community organizations and other interested stakeholders are welcome to attend RWAC meetings and provide input during the public comment period of the meeting.

4. Lead Agency

- a. The lead agency for the RWAC is the entity that has the authority to enter into agreements with the State on behalf of the RWAC to execute applications for funding, grant agreements and other necessary documents.
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- c. The lead agency may be changed from time to time by decision of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) in accordance with this MOU, subject to the requirements of any grants or contracts in effect.

5. Scope and Term of Current MOU

- a. This MOU is intended to cover the period of time when the RWAC is engaged in the preparation and development of the region's IRWM Plan.
- b. During the development of the IRWM Plan, the group will develop a governance structure that will cover the adoption of the Plan and its subsequent implementation.

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8. Regional Water Management Goals

The following initial water management goals, which the RWMG has submitted to the Department of Water Resources and hopes to meet through the IRWM planning and implementation activities will be expanded and modified through the IRWM public planning process:

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c. Less than 100% Consensus Decision-Making

If, after full exploration and discussion, the RWAC cannot reach 100% acceptance by the *active* members present, the item will then go to the RWMG for final decision, with both majority and minority positions represented for consideration.

Active participation means that the member has had a representative or alternate in attendance at half or more of the RWAC meetings held within the last year (or for an entity that has been a member for less than one year, as long as they have been a member).

11. Subcommittees/Issue Committees/Working Groups

RWAC Committees, sub-committees and working groups may be formed and dissolved as needed by decision of the RWAC. No subcommittee has the power to bind the RWAC unless agreed to in advance by decision of the RWAC.

12. Meetings

- a. The RWAC will hold regular monthly meetings scheduled at the same time every month (for example, the 4th Wednesday of the month) and in the same location. The schedule and location may be changed based on need, holidays, room availability, etc. In such a case, adequate notice of the change will be provided to RWAC members and other stakeholders who have requested notice.
- b. RWAC meetings will be open to the public and held in an accessible space. If requested by RWAC members or the public, the RWAC will attempt to make a phone-conference option available.
- c. A minimum attendance of 25% of active members must be present for decision-making.

13. Expectations of Members - Members have the following responsibilities:

- a. Each member will assign a representative to attend RWAC meetings. When this representative is unavailable, the alternate representative will attend.
- b. The representative or alternate attending the meeting will prepare for the meeting by reading the meeting agenda and materials in advance.
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- d. Members will contribute to and participate in the work of the RWAC as their resources allow.
- e. The RWAC will request replacement of a representative who fails to meet these expectations.

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- a. All meetings and operations of the RWAC will be transparent and open to the public. Notice will be given to any stakeholder (agency or individual) requesting it in the form (electronic or paper) requested. The RWAC will make every effort within its resources to communicate its meeting times and locations, activities and significant upcoming decisions through media of public circulation, such as local newspapers, radio stations, etc.
- b. The RWAC will actively reach out to appropriate organizations, tribes and other entities, particularly those representing disadvantaged communities, regarding its activities, meetings and significant upcoming decisions.

- c. The RWAC shall operate in a manner that ensures a balance of interested persons or entities representing different sectors and interests and provides all such persons and entities with the opportunity to participate, regardless of their ability to contribute financially to the IRWM Plan or other IRWM activities.

15. Revisions to MOU

- a. This MOU may be revised by decision of the RWMG in accordance with Section 10 (Decision-Making Process) with input from the RWAC.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Contact email / phone

Agency/Organization Name

Designated Representative

Contact email / phone

Designated Alternate

Contact email / phone

Memorandum of Understanding
Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
ADOPTED – June 25, 2014

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and among the members of the Yosemite-Mariposa Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC). This MOU supplants the original MOU that guided and informed the planning process and expired with the adoption of the approved IRWM plan.

1. Purpose – The purpose and functions of the Yosemite-Mariposa RWAC are:
 - a. To meet the integrated water needs of the residents of the Yosemite-Mariposa Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region now and into the future.
 - b. To maintain and support a committed, community-based management team capable of implementing, coordinating and sustaining the adopted IRWM plan and facilitating the prioritization, funding, implementation and management of water and watershed projects and bringing those projects to completion.
 - c. To form partnerships with each other and with other governments, tribes and organizations in the region to share knowledge and engage in mutually beneficial activities.
 - d. To meet the needs of all stakeholders within the region, with particular emphasis on the disadvantaged communities.
 - e. To enable optimal and effective management of water quantity and quality, providing efficient solutions to local and regional problems, considering multiple conservation resource issues, developing broad public support and benefitting the State as a whole.
 - f. To implement the adopted IRWM plan as set forth in California Water Code Section 10540, following the notification and participation requirements of California Water Code Section 10541 and coordinate project implementation into the future.
2. Membership
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categories of membership for agencies that are required to participate under these conditions, such as Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Water Resources, CAL FIRE, United States Forest Service, National Park Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, etc.

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3. Structure

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- b. The lead agency designated for the Yosemite-Mariposa RWAC in the implementation phase is the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District.
- c. The lead agency may be changed by decision of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) in accordance with this MOU, subject to the requirements of any grants or contracts in effect.

5. Scope and Term of Current MOU

- a. This MOU is intended to cover the period of time when the RWAC is engaged in the implementation of funded projects identified in the IRWM plan.
- b. This MOU also covers the on-going review, updates, revisions and other maintenance of

the Plan document.

6. Limitations

- a. This MOU is not intended to and does not impose legally binding requirements on the entities that participate in activities within its scope.
- b. The adopted IRWM Plan does not impose legally binding requirements on any RWAC member. Since some members have inherent statutory regulatory authority, this MOU must remain non-binding and non-regulatory. It is intended to help the region's stakeholders meet their water-management goals, as set forth below and in other documents approved by the RWAC.

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8. Regional Water Management Goals

The following water management goals, approved by the Department of Water Resources and consistent with the State Water Plan, will remain in effect, and may be expanded or modified, throughout the IRWM implementation process:

- a. Goal #1: Provide/Improve Reliable Water Supply within the Region
- b. Goal #2: Ensure Reliable Community Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
- c. Goal #3: Maintain or Improve Water Quality in the Region
- d. Goal #4: Protect and Improve Wildlife Habitat
- e. Goal #5: Assess and Enhance Recreational Opportunities in the Region
- f. Goal#6: Develop Collaborative and Sustainable Partnerships Both Within and in Adjacent Regions
- g. Goal #7: Reduce Risk of Catastrophic Fire
- h. Goal #8: Educate Stakeholders and County Residents about Water Issues through the IRWM Process to Inspire Public Action

i. Goal #9: Prepare for Impacts of Climate Change

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12. Meetings

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Signature on behalf of the organization

Date

Printed Name

Contact email / phone

Agency/Organization Name

Designated Representative

Contact email / phone

Designated Alternate

Contact email / phone

Appendix 1-B

Meeting Summaries

YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group
MINUTES

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2011
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Call to order: 12:10 p.m.

Members present: Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus, Len McKenzie & Michael Hubert & Glenn Franklin- Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Anne Steed & Holly Warner, Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Mike Coffield & Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board, Kevin Cann, Mariposa County Supervisor, Charise Reeves, Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), Robyn Smith-USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council

Members absent: Tony & Rita Kidd-MERG, K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park

Staff: Elissa Brown-SNC, Anna Aljabiry-DWR, Brenda Ostrom-MCRCD Consultant, Pat Garcia-MCRCD

Guests: Cathi Boze, Mariposa Ag Commissioner, Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society, Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID)

1. Status Report-

a. Elissa Brown, Sierra Nevada Conservancy consultant, introduced herself and her role as grant writer for the revised Yosemite-Mariposa IRWMP application. She also took a moment to plan outreach to absent members: MERG-(Len representing for today), Sierra Club and US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest (*Elissa will contact*) Yosemite National Park (*Brenda will contact*) Mariposa Indian Council (*MCRCD will attend August 4 Council meeting*) Mariposa County Public Works (*Kevin will contact*), North County Chamber of Commerce (*Pat will contact*) Sierra Foothill Conservancy (unable to attend today).

b. Tasks and Timing

- i. Revised application**-new focus will be on a specific plan, rather than long-range goals.
 - ii. RWMG MOU**-formal establishment of the Yosemite-Mariposa RWMG with MOU
 - iii. MOU with adjacent regions**-agreements with neighbor IRWM groups
 - iv. Request to DWR for facilitation support for governance structure**-initiating a request
- >>Anna provided DWR anticipation of timeframes for application submittal. Elissa would like to target an October completion date for the revised application. There was no dissention.

c. Planning Committee-current sub-committee is Elissa Brown, Kevin Cann, Mark Rowney, Len McKenzie, Brenda Ostrom and Pat Garcia, but this is an open committee, so let Elissa know if participation is desired. Hicham would like to join, after he has his group's approval. The Planning Committee meets once a month, in between the RWMG meetings; the next meeting will be on August 10, 2:30 – 4:00.

2. Review and comment on draft RWMG MOU: The draft document was distributed.

1. Purpose- Elissa explained that the scope of this MOU is to engage in the planning process. When the plan is adopted, there will be a subsequent governance structure in a revised MOU for the implementation of the IRWM Plan.

2. Membership- Three or more agencies/stakeholders are required in order to enter into an agreement with DWR, at least two of which are required to have authority over water, which the Yosemite-Mariposa RWMG includes. Discussion followed as to rules for participation, attendance and adding or removing members. The following comments were made:

- Open to all without restriction as long as an MOU is signed
- Requirement to attend meetings or send a delegate
- Issues of individuals coming or not, resulting in issues of quorum required (Anna said she has not seen individuals involved in other RWMGs. MOUs are signed by organizations with voting rights but stakeholders are welcome to attend and provide input.)
- In addition to water agencies, it is important to have other organizations involved.

*****This topic will be a decision point in the next draft.***

3. Lead Agency-Elissa questioned whether the RCD can be the lead agency as it does not have authority over water; Anna assured her that authority over water is not a requirement for the lead agency. Anna clarified that this is simply the agency that will manage the contract, be the contact point, process invoices and reports; however, all the organizations and members have equal standing.

4. Scope and Term of Current MOU-discussed under item 1.

5. Limitations-reviewed. Anna mentioned including a withdrawal clause somewhere in the MOU, perhaps with a 30 day notice.

6. Intentions-These statements that had been included in other Y-M documents were reviewed.

7. Regional Water Management Goals-These were the initial goals that were developed at a workshop. They can be modified and inclusion is the MOU optional, but it is good to retain what has been developed. Kevin stated that this is what has been agreed upon so far and Brenda commented that the next step was to distribute them for comments, first to the RWMG agencies and then out to the general public. The consensus of the group was to include them in the MOU.

8. Region Description-based on RAP application

9. Decision-Making Process-discussion followed:

- Is a quorum required, or by majority, or by consensus or by informed consent?
- Comment: Due to the gravity of the decisions, it should be more than a simple majority
- A consensus is good as a starting point

*****Elissa will provide models of agreements that include consensus and then further alternatives***

10. Subcommittees/Issue committees/Working groups-It is probably best to identify them as needed and state that the committee decisions cannot bind the group, rather to make recommendations.

11. Meetings-regular monthly meetings, special meetings as needed and be public and accessible.

12. Funding and Resources-Payment from stakeholders should not be required. Discussion followed regarding staff time needed from all agencies to complete the work of the RWMG.

- By signing the MOU, the agency is committed to attend the meetings, communicate with their agency and participate in the work of the RWMG.
- Brenda mentioned developing workbooks for retaining established information to pass on to delegates.
- Anna suggested tracking staff time used in preparing the grant in the required 25% cost share. Elissa said that at future meetings we will track mileage to and from meetings from the participants.

13. Public Outreach and Participation-reviewed.

14. Revision to MOU-discussion followed:

- Comment: For example-revise MOU by 60% vote of current RWMG members
- Provision needed for how to proceed when consensus not reached

3. Review and comment on draft MOUs with adjacent regions: Madera has a model that they are comfortable with. Tuolumne-Stanislaus sent their recommendation of an informal agreement. Hicham has a model that Merced uses with other regions. Brenda suggested having planning phase MOU and an implementation phase MOU with the other regions.

****Elissa will send another set of drafts to the group to review and look for approval at the August 25 RWMG meeting.**

4. Review and comment on draft request to DWR for Facilitation Support services: Elissa asked that the RWMG agree upon what we are requesting.

- We would like to request support from DWR to assess and evaluate our existing governance structure and assist in correcting identified problems within our RWMG and with our neighboring regions.
- In addition, we would ask for help to identify a short term action plan over 2-3 years, whether or not a planning grant funds are received.
- Anna confirmed that the DWR contract with the Center for Collaborative POLICY (CCP) does not include facilitation training. However, this type of training would be valued by a number of the RWMG members and if the CCP will agree to provide the training she would also agree to include it.

****The group agreed to allow the Planning Committee to approve the final request for Facilitation Services Support at their next meeting on August 10, in order to meet the DWR August deadline for submission.**

5. General Discussion of revised IRWMP grant application:

a. DWR's comments

b. Review draft Work plan

c. Initial Comments and suggestions

Elissa asked for feedback on the Workplan outline, so that she can include that feedback as she develops the application over the next two months. There are three major areas: Grant Administration, Project Management and Stakeholder Participation and Draft the Plan. **Participants are asked to review the outline and provide their questions and concerns to Elissa within the next two weeks.** The Planning Committee will arrange to meet with any of the agencies that have questions and would like a representative to meet with them.

- The practical timeline to complete the IRWM plan development is one year, in order to meet the deadline to apply for the last round of implementation funds.

6. Upcoming Meetings-Elissa recommended that these meetings should be scheduled for 2 hours. Anyone interested in facilitating in the future should let Elissa know. Kevin asked that effective meeting notes are essential and that it may be useful to have the CCP do that while they are engaged. The notes should include decisions made and action items.

****Action item for all members: agreement to read to meeting notes and provide feedback if needed.**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25 from 12-2 in this same room.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: August 25, 2011
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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2011
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338
Call to order: 10:35 a.m.

Members present: Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Mike Coffield & Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board, John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Tony Kidd & Rita Kidd- Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), Anne Steed & Holly Warner, Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS).

Members absent: K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus, Glenn Franklin- Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), Robyn Smith-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID).

Staff: Elissa Brown-Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD.

Guests: Rick Benson-Mariposa County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), (attending for Supervisor Cann), Steve Dahlem-Mariposa County-County Counsel, Don Florence- Mariposa County-Office of Emergency Services (OES).

Elissa gave a brief overview of the IRWM process and the purpose of the RWMG for the guests.

1. Agenda Check: Elissa added discussion of a Facilitation Training Program, approval of the minutes and an update on Outreach to the agenda. Pat asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes, as well as feedback on the format submitted. No corrections were made; the minutes and current format were approved by consensus. Regarding Outreach, Pat noted that Len McKenzie, Brenda Ostrom and she attended the American Indian Council of Mariposa County meeting on August 4, 2011. The Council was interested in the presentation and will consider sending a representative to the RWMG meetings. Presentations are also planned on September 6, 2011, at the Coulterville Community Club and on September 20, 2011, at the Greeley Hill Community Club.

2. DWR Facilitations Support Services request submitted: Elissa reported on the application that was submitted to the DWR on August 11, 2011. Pat will redistribute the final version to the large distribution list. Anna reported that the evaluation process has become more detailed and consequently, the timing for the response has been extended, but she hopes to have an answer within a month.

3. Review and comment on draft RWMG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): The final draft of the document was reviewed. Discussions were held about the membership requirements (accepted as drafted by consensus of the group), the lead agency's role, the scope and term of the MOU, limitations and the decision-making process. Option 1-Decision by Consensus, was agreed upon by the group, with the correction that in a resolution vote, the percentage should be changed from 51% to 50% +1. Further discussion was held about the authorities of sub-committees.

*****The draft was approved by consensus as corrected and will be distributed for signatures by participating organizations.***

>Rita asked that a discussion of the RWMG name be added to the next agenda.

4. Review and comment on draft MOUs with adjacent regions: The final drafts of the MOUs for the three adjacent regions were reviewed. Rita pointed out that these are actually Letters of Agreement.

*****The group agreed by consensus on the format of the drafts.*** They will be signed by the lead agency and forwarded to the respective regions.

5. IRWMP grant application:

a. Current Timing: A timing matrix was developed for distribution to the group. Each item and the current expectation on timing was discussed. Anna clarified that the Technical Support Services guidelines are not yet available. John asked about which Project Management tools will be applied.

>Elissa suggested that John and the MCRC, as the lead agency, look at this issue and start working on determining the Project Management tools to be used.

b. Budget items: Elissa began with a review of the budget line items. (Projected costs will be addressed later.) Data management needs for this region were discussed. Kennedy-Jenks has developed a map-based system for Tuolumne-Stanislaus. Elissa suggested considering a coordinated system to be developed for Mariposa, perhaps to be housed on the SNC server. Rita mentioned the database at CrowdBrite.com that was discussed at the recent Sierra Nevada Alliance conference. Other budget categories were discussed. ***>Elissa will update the next draft of the budget document.***

>John will contact Kennedy-Jenks regarding the map-based system of data management.

>Elissa suggested a sub-committee meeting including John S. to discuss with John Mills whether any efforts are being made to establish a standardized regional system of data management.

c. Technical Evaluations Workgroup: Elissa opened the discussion on the need for different types of technical studies. She has conversed with Ken Schmidt and will elaborate at the workgroup to follow. It is the RWMG's responsibility to decide about these studies. A group discussion followed about previous studies. Anna mentioned the CASGEM data system as a source of DWR information.

>Elissa will ask Ken for various project costs and report back to the group.

i. Potential funding: These studies may be included in the planning grant application or possibly be funded from other sources, e.g., Local Groundwater Assistance, Technical Support Services.

ii. Potential projects: Not discussed separately.

6. Meeting Facilitation Training: Not discussed.

7. Upcoming Meetings:

The Planning Meeting on September 7 may be cancelled until information is received from Ken.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2011 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in this same room.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia

Date Approved: 9/22/11

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338
Call to order: 10:35 a.m.

Members present: Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board, John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Glenn Franklin- Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Rita Kidd-Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID), K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, Anne Steed & Holly Warner, Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS), Robyn Smith-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS).
Members absent: Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus.
Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Brenda Ostrom, MCRCD Consultant, Elissa Brown-Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC).
Guests: Steve Dahlem-Mariposa County-County Counsel, Don Florence- Mariposa County-Office of Emergency Services (OES), Penny Carlo- Carollo Engineers, Dena Traina- Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.

- 1. Convene Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.
 - a. Introductions:** The attendees introduced themselves.
 - b. Approve meeting minutes:** Minutes from the 8-25-11 RWMG meeting and the 8-25-11 Workgroup meeting were approved as read by consensus, with the request that in the future the action items be summarized at the end of the document.
 - c. Agenda check:** A discussion of Governance Implementation will added under Item 2b, RWMG MOU responses. Data management will be discussed Item 3b, Technical Studies. A discussion about a presentation by the Cosumnes American Bear Yuba (CABY) IRWM group on Mountain Meadow restoration will also be added.

2. Old Business

- a. Status of DWR Facilitation Support Services request:** Anna reported that the DWR has approved the request. It is pending approval by the Department of General Services (DGS).
- b. RWMG MOU responses-new membership roster:** Pat reviewed the list of signed MOUs received. The required agencies with statutory authority over water were reviewed. Anna recommended that each group member review the DWR Guidelines and DWR Proposal Solicitation Package to become familiar with the Plan requirements, including the Governance Structure document.
- c. Status of MOUs with adjacent regions:** The Merced agreement has been signed and mailed. The Tuolumne-Stanislaus letter has been signed and emailed. Madera made some revisions to the language of the agreement. The group agreed by consensus to the changes and Glenn Franklin signed the copies of the revised letter as the representative for the lead agency.
- d. Status of Meeting Facilitation training:** Elissa reviewed the Sierra Nevada Conservancy offer to fund training to assist our group in strengthening the RWMG by building capacity in meeting facilitation skills. Pat sent RFPs to 4 consultants with a due date of 9/30. The group agreed by consensus to have the Planning Committee make the decision on the consultant at the next meeting on 10/5.

e. Outreach efforts: Pat reported that Len McKenzie, Emery & Betsy Ross and she attended the Coulterville Community Club meeting on September 6, with the result that they agreed to join the RWMG. Brenda talked about 2 current projects there, including a new tank and well and flooding downtown. A representative was not able to attend today's meeting, but sent input for discussion. On September 20, Emery, Betsy and Pat attended the Greeley Hill Community Club meeting. Although the meeting attendees did not display an interest in attending the RWMG meetings, a request for more information was received from a person who saw the article in the "Foothill Express" newspaper. On October 17, Pat will present information to the members at the Lake Don Pedro CSD board meeting.

3. New Business

a. Discuss RWMG name: Yosemite-Mariposa vs. Mariposa-Yosemite: Differing philosophies regarding the name were discussed, including the additional option of Mariposa IRWM/RWMG. A consensus was not reached and the topic will be tabled until another meeting.

b. Technical studies matrix-review potential water studies: Elissa reviewed the items on the matrix, the logic of applying for various sources of funds for studies and the necessary timeframes. Hicham suggested looking at the basic studies required for the plan and offered to share Merced's strategy. MPUD and Coulterville Community club suggested several other studies. Geographically coordinated data management was briefly discussed.

c. Review tiered planning and implementation issues from 10/26/10 workgroup: Not discussed due to time constraints.

4. IRWMP grant: Anna discussed the latest timeframes for the various DWR deadlines.

5. The CABY group would like to present information about Mountain Meadow restoration. The group expressed interest in seeing the presentation.

6. Upcoming Meetings:

The Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for October 5.

The next RWMG meeting is scheduled for October 27, although it may be changed. Notification will be sent. Meetings have been scheduled through October 2012.

Action Items:

>The Water Agency Advisory Board will meet to discuss a recommendation to the Water Agency Board for Mariposa County to sign the new RWMG membership MOU.

>Pat will follow up with the East Stanislaus group regarding any mutual boundary lines.

>Brenda will follow-up on accessibility to Yosemite Nat'l Park study data for Don Florence.

>Hourly rates for each RWMG member should be given to Pat for tracking in-kind hours

>Pat will track clarifications to the MOU, including the acknowledgment that decisions at meetings are made by the members present or comments sent ahead of the meeting.

>Robyn will check on the resolution level of the NRCS topographical and aerial maps

>Elissa will prepare a consolidated matrix of plan standards and requirements for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia

Date Approved: October 20, 2011

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2011
Location: Mariposa County Human Services Building
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa CA 95338
Call to order: 10:35 a.m.

Members present: Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Glenn Franklin- Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board, John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Rita Kidd & Tony Kidd- Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), Hicham ElTal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID), K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, Anne Steed & Holly Warner, Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Bruce Champion-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS).

Members absent: Coulterville Community Club, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus, (Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources).

Staff: Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Brenda Ostrom- MCRCD Consultant, Elissa Brown-Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC).

Guests: Jeannie Habben-Madera RWMG. Cindy Lashbrook-East Merced RCD-MAGPI.

1. Convene Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

a. Introductions: The attendees introduced themselves.

b. Approve meeting minutes: Minutes from the 9-22-11 RWMG meeting were approved as transcribed by consensus. The action items from the prior meeting were reviewed:

>*The Water Agency Advisory Board will meet to discuss a recommendation to the Water Agency Board for Mariposa County to sign the new RWMG membership MOU.* Not completed.

>*Pat will follow up with the East Stanislaus group regarding any mutual boundary lines.* Pat established contact with Jim Alves.

>*Brenda will follow-up on accessibility to Yosemite Nat'l Park study data for Don Florence.* Not completed.

>*Hourly rates for each RWMG member should be given to Pat for tracking in-kind hours:* Pat will supply a form to track hours back to July.

>*Pat will track clarifications to the MOU, including the acknowledgment that decisions at meetings are made by the members present or comments sent ahead of the meeting.* Ongoing.

>*Robyn will check on the resolution level of the NRCS topographical and aerial maps.* Bruce said that NRCS aerial and topographic GIS resolution is 1:28 (e.g., 1 foot equals 2,800 feet.)

>*Elissa will prepare a consolidated matrix of plan standards and requirements for the next meeting.* Completed.

c. Agenda Check: Under New Business, Elissa added "PSP for Round II has been posted." Also under New Business, Kevin added "Board of Supervisors actions in regard to water staffing."

2. Old Business

a. Status of DWR Facilitation Support Services (FSS) request: Elissa reported that she has not received an update on this. Pat will follow-up with Anna.

b. RWMG new membership roster: We do not have signed MOUs from Mariposa County, the Mariposa County Water Advisory Board, Yosemite National Park, Stanislaus National Forest or Sierra National Forest. Hicham reported that he is now authorized to sign the MOU for Merced RWMG / Merced Irrigation District.

c. Status of meeting facilitation training: The Steering Committee agreed to accept the proposal from Ed Johnson and Diane Martin for the 2 day (or 4 half-day) facilitation training. The RCD will be meeting with them initially and then coordinate the training thereafter. Elissa provided an overview and the list of interested parties was reviewed.

d. Outreach efforts: Pat attended the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District Board Meeting on October 17. They have agreed to sign the new MOU and send Charise as a representative.

3. New Business

a. Discuss draft of request for proposals (RFP) for planning grant application: Elissa reviewed the evolution of the idea to send out an RFP to consultants to provide a scope of work for a plan, budget and timeline in order to submit that information with the application. Discussion followed about the proposed timeline, possible contractor meeting and the selection process. A Grant Review Committee was suggested to review the application before it is submitted. A Notice of Intent to Propose should be included in the RFP. Initial Selection Committee members were identified. Notes were made on updates to the draft; Pat will incorporate the suggestions and distribute to the RFP Committee. The group including Kevin, Rita, Tony, Mark, Glenn, Brenda and John S. will meet to finalize the document.

b. Gather list of addresses for prospective consultants: The RFP Committee will gather the address list of prospective consultants.

c. Added: PSP for Round II has been posted: A draft has been distributed for public comment.

d. Added: Board of Supervisors actions in regard to water staffing: Kevin reported that the County Board of Supervisors has assigned a team to write a scope of work/position description to hire a Water Specialist. That person would become the Board liaison to the RWMG along with other work.

4. IRWMP grant: Discussion of the project deadline will be tabled until the next meeting.

5. Upcoming Meetings: The next regular RWMG meeting will be on 12/1/11, 10:30 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers. The RFP Committee will set a meeting to complete the document process.

Action Items: 9/22/11 Meeting:

>By February 1, 2012, Kevin will obtain Mariposa County's authorized signature on the 8-25-11 MOU, as well as who is authorized to sign the MOU for the Water Agency Advisory Board, a citizen advisory council.

>Pat to develop letter of agreement with East Stanislaus region.

>Brenda will follow-up on accessibility to Yosemite Nat'l Park study data for Don Florence.

>Pat will supply a form to track in-kind hours back to July, 2011.

Action Items: 10/20/11 Meeting:

>Pat will ask Anna about the status of the FSS request and the concept of the current RFP effort

>Mark will review the requirements criteria for urban water plans

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: December 1, 2011

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2011
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338
Call to order: 10:35 a.m.

Members present: Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), Glenn Franklin- Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board, John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Rita Kidd & Tony Kidd- Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), Anne Steed-Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS).

Members absent: Coulterville Community Club, Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID), K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, Robyn Smith-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus, (Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources).

Staff: Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Elissa Brown-Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC).

Guests: Penny Carlo-Carollo Engineering, Jeannie Habben-Madera RWMG, Ed Johnson-trainer, Brad Kerner-Provost & Pritchard.

1. Convene Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

a. Introductions: The attendees introduced themselves.

b. Approve meeting minutes: Minutes from the 10-20-11 RWMG meeting were approved as transcribed by consensus. The action items from prior meetings were reviewed:

Action Items: 9/22/11 Meeting:

>By February 1, 2012, Kevin will obtain Mariposa County's authorized signature on the 8-25-11 MOU, as well as who is authorized to sign the MOU for the Water Agency Advisory Board, a citizen advisory council. **No report.**

>Pat to develop letter of agreement with East Stanislaus region. **Not complete.**

>Brenda will follow-up on accessibility to Yosemite Nat'l Park study data for Don Florence. **No report.**

>Pat will supply a form to track in-kind hours back to July, 2011. **To be distributed today.**

Action Items: 10/20/11 Meeting:

>Pat will ask Anna about the status of the FSS request and the concept of the current RFP effort.

Completed.

>Mark will review the requirements criteria for urban water plans. **No report.**

c. Agenda Check: Pat added "discussion about scheduling a Vendor Conference" under Old Business, e. Report on RFP status.

2. Old Business

a. Planning grant application timeline: There has been no update to the final application submission date. Elissa said that we will continue to target completing the application by February 1.

b. Status of DWR Facilitation Support Services (FSS) request: Glenn, Brenda and Pat had a teleconference with Dana Shafer, who will be determining the person to be assigned to assist our region. Elissa outlined the process typically followed by the Center for Collaborative Policies (CCP).

c. RWMG new membership roster: Still awaiting signed MOU's from Mariposa County, Mariposa County Water Agency Advisory Board and Merced Irrigation District, as well as advisory members: Forest Service, Yosemite National Park and the Bureau of Land Management.

d. Meeting facilitation training: Pat commented on the upcoming meeting facilitation training with Ed Johnson and Diane Martin. Those planning to attend are invited to stay for a discussion after the RWMG meeting.

e. Report on RFP status: Pat outlined the events to date, including the initial RFP Committee meeting on October 27 and subsequent document updates that were reviewed by County Counsel. It was distributed to 12 firms with 3 responses with a Notice of Intent to Propose by the January 4, 2012 deadline. Pertinent information has been posted on the www.mcrd.net website on the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWMP page. Everyone is invited to review the postings for accuracy and completeness. Elissa reviewed the concept and intent of the RFP and the anticipated timelines with which we are working. Further discussion was held about the specifics of a possible vendor meeting including Glenn, Anne, John S., Bill, Rita, Tony, Charise and Ellie. Pat will follow-up on 12/7 or 12/14 for the meeting.

3. New Business

a. Determine Selection Committee members: The committee members have already been identified.

b. In-kind hour tracking: Anne Steed has volunteered to track the hours that are submitted. Pat distributed 2 form types for discussion. The one modeled on Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM will be used.

c. Discuss RWMG name change: As discussed at a previous meeting, a suggestion was made to consider changing the region name to either "Mariposa-Yosemite" or simply "Mariposa". Discussion ensued, with the consensus of the group being that we are too far along in the process to warrant making the change at this time.

4. Upcoming Meetings: A vendor meeting will be scheduled for 12/7 or 12/14. The next regular RWMG meeting will be on 1/26/12, 10:30 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers. Application review sub-committee meeting dates were tentatively scheduled for January 5, 12 and 19.

Action Items: 9/22/11 Meeting:

>By February 1, 2012, Kevin will obtain Mariposa County's authorized signature on the 8-25-11 MOU, as well as who is authorized to sign the MOU for the Water Agency Advisory Board, a citizen advisory council.

>Pat to develop letter of agreement with East Stanislaus region.

>Brenda will follow-up on accessibility to Yosemite Nat'l Park study data for Don Florence.

Action Items: 10/20/11 Meeting:

>Mark will review the requirements criteria for urban water plans

Action Items: 12/1/11 Meeting:

>Pat to follow up with Dale Shafer on FSS timeline.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia

Date Approved: January 26, 2012

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338
Call to order: 10:35 a.m.

Members present: John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Rita Kidd & Tony Kidd- Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID), Anne Steed-Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Holly Warner-UMRWC, Robyn Smith-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board, Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS).

Members absent: Coulterville Community Club, Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), Glenn Franklin-Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus.

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources, Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Elissa Brown-Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), Brenda Ostrom, MCRCD Consultant.

Guests: Cindy Lashbrook-East Merced RCD-MAGPI.

1. Convene Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

a. Introductions: The attendees introduced themselves.

b. Approve meeting minutes: Minutes from the 12-1-11 RWMG meeting were approved as transcribed by consensus. The action items from prior meetings were reviewed:

Action Items: 9/22/11 Meeting:

>By February 1, 2012, Kevin will obtain Mariposa County's authorized signature on the 8-25-11 MOU, as well as who is authorized to sign the MOU for the Water Agency Advisory Board, a citizen advisory council. **Date changed to March 7, 2012.**

>Pat to develop letter of agreement with East Stanislaus region. **Completed, pending response.**

>Brenda will follow-up on accessibility to Yosemite Nat'l Park study data for Don Florence. **She has requested current list of projects. Upon receipt, she will ask for the data.**

Action Items: 10/20/11 Meeting:

>Mark will review the requirements criteria for urban water plans. **Not applicable.**

Action Items: 12/1/11 Meeting:

>Pat to follow up with Dale Shafer on FSS timeline. **Completed.**

c. Agenda Check: Elissa added discussion of match funds under Old Business, a. DWR updates.

2. Old Business

a. Anna – DWR updates: Anna reported on the 3 scheduled DWR workshops for the Planning Grant Application and mentioned the Power Point slides available from the workshop on the DWR web site. A checklist to assure application completeness has been added to the material. In reference to documentation required for matching funds, Anna clarified that work done on previous studies requires the same documentation as current match work submitted on invoices to DWR. When a planning grant contract is signed, there are two ways of being reimbursed: 1.) From a submitted invoice, DWR will deduct 10% of the total to be held until the plan is completed plus 25% for the grantee's matching funds

and pay the remainder. 2.) On the first invoice, the grantee declares the completed 25% matching funds. Then only the 10% retention is withheld and the remainder of the invoice is reimbursed. We plan to send our list of studies/matching funds to Anna for confirmation that they are applicable to the planning grant.

b. Planning grant application update – Deadline March 9, 2012

1.) RFP responses – Selection Committee report and recommendation: The Selection Committee- Kevin Cann, Ellie Duste, Glenn Franklin, Tony Kidd and Mark Rowney, along with Elissa Brown and Pat Garcia, met to review the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that were submitted. Mark reported that the committee scored and ranked the proposals according to the RFP evaluation criteria. The decision was that the Kennedy/Jenks (KJ) proposal was the most complete and was scored the highest by the committee members. A follow-up meeting was held on 2/9/12 with several KJ representatives to discuss budget and staff. A contract for a nominal amount (\$1.00) was discussed for KJ's insurance purposes. The consensus of the RWMG was to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation for the Kennedy/Jenks proposal.

2.) Discuss approval for consultant contract: Discussion was held with an opinion being that County Counsel and KJ attorneys should be involved to agree upon terms, including an exit strategy. The "Approach" steps beginning on page 14 of the proposal could be used as the scope of work of this contract. The consensus of the RWMG is to negotiate an initial agreement with KJ, subject to the review of a Contract sub-committee (Mark, Rita, Hicham, Glenn, and Elissa) and finally County Counsel, and to authorize MCRCDC, as the lead agency, to enter into that agreement.

3.) Identify additional reports and studies: Mark recommended that an email be sent to the large mailing list, including Sarah Williams and Dave Conway, asking for any known water studies for compilation and review. Pat will send out the request.

4.) Determine Application sub-committee members / meeting schedule: Elissa gave an overview of KJ's proposal including possible additional tasks, such as water studies and data management. The proposed budget will be adjusted and refined by KJ and a sub-group, consisting of Kevin, Glenn, Mark, Brenda, Hicham and Elissa. In addition, a **Match Funds sub-committee** will include Mark, Brenda, Elissa and Pat. An Application sub-committee meeting will be scheduled on February 9 and a review of the proposed revisions during the next RWMG meeting on 2/23.

c. Status of DWR Facilitation Support Services request: Pat contacted Dale Shafer, who reported that Sarah Rubin has been assigned as our facilitator. She is waiting for task order approval.

d. Report on meeting facilitation training: The training by Ed Johnson and Diane Martin is in progress. Two 6-hour sessions were held in January, with a final 4-hour session planned on February 14. There were 8 and 10 participants at the first two sessions. Feedback from the attendees was positive. We appreciate the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for funding the training.

e. In-kind hour tracking reports: Anne reported that she has received a few reports, but many more are needed. There should be 1 form per month and they should be signed. They are essential to our application.

Hicham asked about our efforts for a Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) grant and mentioned Merced's efforts. Pat responded that we have briefly discussed it with KJ. He suggested that a hydrologist may write an application for us. Brenda asked about finding someone to enter well log data.

Anna recommended discussing these needs with our local DWR office. If they cannot provide help, the request could then go on a Technical Support Services request.

f. RWMG membership roster / outreach: Stanislaus National Forest (Ken Romberger) will try to resume meeting attendance. We still need representation from Sierra National Forest, Yosemite National Park and the Bureau of Land Management. Hicham will send a signed MOU. Pat spoke to and sent a draft inter-regional agreement letter to Jim Alves of the East Stanislaus RWMG and is awaiting a response.

g. Review tiered planning and implementation issues from 10/26/10 workgroup: Glenn asked that the group review these issues. Brenda mentioned that this review should be part of the plan and that the tables represent all the stakeholder input we received over the previous 1-1/2 years. They should be vetted and validated at new stakeholder meetings during the plan development process.

3. New Business – Determine location for August 23, 2012 meeting: The Board of Supervisors Chambers will not be available for our meeting in August. The consensus of the group was to meet at the Health Services Building if a room is available.

4. Upcoming Meetings: The next meeting to be scheduled will be on February 9 for the Application Committee and the RWMG meeting will be on February 23, 2012 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

Action Items:

- *Submit remaining signed MOUs as members of the RWMG*
- *Pat will send out a widespread request for listings of all known water studies.*
- *All members: send completed in-kind hour forms to Anne at Watershed@sti.net*

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia

Date Approved: February 23, 2012

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MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338
Call to order: 10:35 a.m.

Members present: John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Glenn Franklin-Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID), Anne Steed-Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Holly Warner-UMRWC, Connie Nielson-UMRWC, Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board.

Members absent: Coulterville Community Club, Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), Rita Kidd & Tony Kidd- Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus, Robyn Smith-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park, Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS).

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Elissa Brown-Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), Brenda Ostrom, MCRCD Associate Director.

Guests: Rolf Frankenbach-DWR, Charles Mosher-Mariposa Health Department, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks.

1. Convene Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.

a. Introductions: The attendees introduced themselves.

b. Approve meeting minutes: Minutes from the 1-26-12 RWMG meeting were approved as transcribed by consensus. The action items from prior meetings were reviewed:

- *Submit remaining signed MOUs as members of the RWMG* – Pending 2-3 signatures.
- *Pat will send out a widespread request for listings of all known water studies* – Completed.
- *All members: send completed in-kind hour forms to Anne at Watershed@sti.net* – Ongoing.

c. Agenda Check: Elissa will add information on Program Preferences under 2.b.

2. Old Business

a. Anna – DWR updates: Anna mentioned the March 9, 2012 deadline for Planning Grant application submissions. She updated the group on the next round of Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) grants and brought brochures with examples of other LGA grants. She also introduced Rolf Frankenbach from the DWR Financial Assistance Branch. Elissa mentioned that we should know the status of our application before the next round of LGA grant applications are due in the event that we might choose to apply, although Anna clarified that individual agencies are also eligible to apply for LGAs.

b. Planning grant application update – review proposed workplan and budget: Sachi walked through the workplan, task by task, with a focus on the responsibilities of the RWMG. Tasks are projected to begin in April with the assistance of the CCP facilitator provided through the DWR Facilitation Services Support (FSS) grant. The application budget includes on-going work with the same facilitator throughout the plan preparation process. Funds are included in the budget for the RCD to administer the grant as well as to participate in outreach activities. Sachi summarized the list of other members of the Kennedy/Jenks (KJ) team whose contributions are anticipated. Discussion was held

about the RWMG sub-committees that will be needed to perform required tasks during the plan preparation. The task organization logic within the plan application was discussed and revised. The schedule of meetings and plans for public outreach, disadvantaged communities (DAC) and tribal outreach were reviewed. Eligibility to apply for project implementation funds in the upcoming 2 rounds was discussed. Most of the remaining work plan involves the steps to prepare the plan itself and plan adoption. Finally, additional work including the FSS contract and number and cost of needed water studies was reviewed and discussed by the group. The draft of the Program Preferences can be reviewed after the meeting and feedback and comments sent to Pat at the RCD.

c. In-kind hour tracking reports: Please turn your tracking reports to Anne Steed.

d. RWMG membership roster: All signed MOUs should be submitted.

e. Next steps to application submission: The consensus of the RWMG is accept the application draft with the updates and revisions discussed and to give the authority to the Application sub-committee, consisting of Glenn, Mark, Hicham, Brenda, Kevin and Elissa to review and finalize the application prior to submittal by March 9. The sub-committee will meet next week to finalize the application.

3. New Business: N/A

4. Upcoming Meetings: Sachi, Elissa and Pat will meet via telephone on Friday, February 24 at 1:00 pm. The Application Committee will meet on Friday, March 2 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: April 26, 2012
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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Call to order: 10:37 a.m.

Members present: John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Len McKenzie-Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Rita Kidd & Tony Kidd- Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), Anne Steed-Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Holly Warner-UMRWC, Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board.

Members absent: Coulterville Community Club, Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID), Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus, Robyn Smith-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park, Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS).

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sarah Rubin-Center for Collaborative Policy.

Guests: Barry Brouillette-citizen, Ben Goger-Kennedy/Jenks, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks (by phone).

1. Convene Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 10:37 am.

a. Introductions: The attendees introduced themselves.

b. Approve meeting minutes: Minutes from the February 23, 2012 RWMG meeting were approved as transcribed by consensus.

c. Agenda Check: N/A

2. Old Business

a. Anna – DWR updates: Staff is working on the Planning Grant applications with an anticipated notification date in June. They are also working on the Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) grant application process with a target release date of May 1st and a due date of July 1st. Workshops are also scheduled in June. Implementation Grant Round 2 is anticipated for March 2013. Discussion was held regarding plan status in order to apply for implementation funding.

b. Planning grant application: The planning grant application was submitted by the March 9, 2012 deadline. A hardcopy is available for review and it is also posted on the RCD website: <http://www.mcrd.net/Pages/IRWMP.aspx>.

c. In-kind hour tracking reports: Please continue to keep track of your in-kind hours and submit them to Anne Steed. All of the hours dedicated to the IRWM process, including attending meetings, meeting preparation and travel time, will be submitted as part of the Planning Grant.

3. New Business:

a. Introduce Sarah Rubin – facilitator from the Center of Collaborative Policy (CCP):

1. Overview – Sarah has several hand-outs and exercises planned for today. She gave an overview of her style and approach to facilitation and mentioned that she is also working with the Madera IRWM group. Her first objective in the coming weeks is to complete the needs assessment interviews by telephone and to determine what kind a writing assistance we may need for our plan. She will be doing outreach to the dis-advantaged communities (DAC) and assisting with meeting facilitation as needed.

2. Deliverables including governance and Dis-Advantaged Community outreach:

- The first exercise was held in small groups to help determine the 8 most relevant stakeholders of the RWMG members for Sarah to interview regarding the needs assessment of the group dynamics and needs of the county. The groups were then asked to list questions that would be helpful or important to be used during the phone assessment survey. Some of the sample questions were discussed.
- The second exercise was held with the entire group to develop a “mind map” of what external factors affect water and water issues in Mariposa County.
- The third exercise was about the group members’ understanding of the Yosemite-Mariposa RWMG written goals. Each member spoke individually with several attendees about some the 7 goals. A large group discussion was held about the conversations.

b. Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG)

1. Membership / delegate: Pat gave an overview of this organization and that the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM is a member. Pat is the current delegate by default, although any interested member(s) are most welcome to participate in the meetings/conferences.

2. Letter of support for continuing the Watershed Coordinator Grant program: Pat distributed copies of the letter that has been drafted by members of the SWWG and asked the group if they are in favor of adding the Yosemite-Mariposa RWMG support. The consensus of the group was in favor of including our support.

4. Upcoming Meetings: The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2012 at 10:30 AM in this same location.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: June 28, 2012

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Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Call to order: 10:35 a.m.

Members present: John Schroeder-Mariposa Fire Safe Council, Mark Rowney-Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD), Glenn Franklin-Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD), Rita Kidd & Tony Kidd- Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG), Anne Steed-Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC), Robyn Smith-USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Ellie Duste-Water Agency Advisory Board, Bill Ralph-Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS).

Members absent: Coulterville Community Club, Kevin Cann- Mariposa County Supervisor, Hicham Eltal-Merced IRWM/Merced Irrigation District (MID), Charise Reeves-Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD), K. John Flaherty-Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter, K. Andy Stone-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Ken Romberger-US Forest Service Stanislaus, Joe Meyer-National Park Service-Yosemite National Park.

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sarah Rubin-Center for Collaborative Policy.

Guests: Bridget Fithian-Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Don Florence-Office of Emergency Services (OES), Ben Goger-Kennedy/Jenks, Peter Rei-Mariposa County Public Works.

- 1. Convene Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.
 - a. Introductions:** The attendees introduced themselves.
 - b. Approve meeting minutes:** Minutes from the April 26, 2012 RWMG meeting were approved as transcribed by consensus.
 - c. Agenda Check:** N/A

2. Special Presentation-Stockton Creek Preserve Project - Mark Rowney: Mark gave an interesting and informative overview of a project to purchase land around the Stockton Creek reservoir, in order to protect and maintain the watershed for the primary water source of the town of Mariposa. Working with the Sierra Foothill Conservancy and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, a grant was received to purchase 410 acres of land. A trail has been developed on the land for public use, primarily with brushing and mastication. More maintenance work is planned. Another grant was received recently to build a new water treatment plant there as well.

3. Old Business

a. Anna – DWR updates: Anna reported that the reviews of the Planning Grant applications have been completed and the applications are now in the hands of their management for final approval. They are anticipating notification to go out during the third week of July. The Local Groundwater Assistance applications are due July 13, 2012. By the end of July, DWR plans to release the new versions of the guidelines and PSPs for upcoming applications for Implementation and Stormwater funds. The revisions are based on feedback from various public workshops held for that purpose.

b. Planning grant application: Anna discussed the application review and scoring process and also reviewed the events after the recommendations have been released, including the public comment period, final review of the recommendations, time available to revise scope, budget and timelines, agreement signing and contracting.

c. In-kind hour tracking reports: Anne is continuing to compile the in-kind hours. Pat reminded the group members that meeting preparation and travel time is to be included. The sheets already turned in were lost in the Watershed office fire, but the data had been transferred to spreadsheets. Don recommended scanning the sheets and filing them electronically with the minutes.

d. Sierra Water Work Group Summit – July 17-18, 2012: Pat distributed the information about the upcoming summit via e-mail and invited all of the agencies to send a representative if possible. Rita stressed the value of attending peer meetings of this kind.

4. New Business:

a. Introduce Sarah Rubin – Assessment Results: Sarah distributed copies of the PowerPoint she developed from the assessment interviews she completed by telephone with selected members.

1. Findings: Sarah reviewed the comprehensive questions and answers and her evaluation of the compiled results. These covered member participation barriers and concerns, perspectives and thoughts about the balance of the group and how it works together. Topics of concern by the group and topics of interest for the RWMG member meetings were presented, as well as educational presentation ideas and the respondents' views of priorities. Opinions about the importance ground water studies were discussed, as well as thoughts about the vision of the group 5 years from now. There was discussion about how outreach and communication to DACs will benefit the group. Specific geographic focus and organizational recommendations were reviewed including ways to connect, focus areas and engaging the Native American community. Historical conflicts were discussed as well as the importance of keeping the Board of Supervisors informed.

2. Recommendations: Sarah made several recommendations. The group decided that we should continue regular monthly meetings rather than skipping the July meeting. There were other ideas on group cohesion, additional recommendations in coordination with Kennedy/Jenks and moving forward with DAC outreach.

b. Next steps for future meetings: Sarah can strategically target participants with key messaging, invite speakers for educational purposes and look at other ways to include participation at meetings, such as by phone and web. Anna mentioned having references available for educational materials to share. Rita talked about consolidating the well information that is already available before engaging in new water studies. Peter talked about having contextual information at a higher level, like the trajectory of ground water availability due to climate change presented, as well as water quality studies in addition to water quantity. The group completed the discussion with individual comments.

5. Upcoming Meetings: The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2012 at 10:30 AM in this same location.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: July 26, 2012

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Staff: Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sarah Rubin-Center for Collaborative Policy.

Guests: Kristen Boyson & Ray Gutierrez-Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Peter Rei-Mariposa County Public Works.

- 1. Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am by Pat.
 - a. Introductions:** Sarah started the meeting with an ice-breaker: the attendees introduced themselves and shared one thing that each had done or has planned for the summer.
 - b. Approve meeting minutes:** Minutes from the June 28, 2012 RWMG meeting were approved as transcribed by consensus.
 - c. Agenda Check:** Kristen and Ray will be present information about the Sierra Foothill Conservancy in place of Bridget Fithian.

- 2. Presentation - Mariposa County:** Kevin discussed Mariposa County staffing in relation to the county's role in the IRWM process. The county's original plan to hire a person to assist the Water Agency Advisory Board and Supervisors on the RWMG, as well as on the negotiations with MID has changed. He asked the RWMG to discuss the subject of staffing and skill sets that the RWMG desires from the county at a future meeting. Several comments were made on the county's role and focus on the IRWM process.

- 3. DWR updates:** Sarah and Pat commented that we have not received any updates on the DWR decisions about the planning grant evaluations. News will be distributed as soon as it arrives.

- 4. Presentation: Take-aways from the Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG) Summit, July 17-18, 2012:** Sarah, Pat and Glenn Franklin attended the summit in North Lake Tahoe. The consensus was that our attendance was worthwhile, with several plenaries, 6 breakout sessions and numerous networking opportunities. Sarah discussed the GIS mapping session and a reference to free on-line tutorials that are available. One of the plenaries was on approaches to dis-advantaged communities and tribal outreach.

5. Update - Post Y-M IRWM Assessment Next Steps: Sarah mentioned the speakers that attended the SWWG Summit and she has asked John Shelton from the Department of Fish & Game to speak at an upcoming RWMG meeting, as well as Ken Schmidt, John Suen, Tony Westerling and perhaps David Conway. Rita commented that it might be helpful for Ken to talk about results of some of his prior area studies, but that it is important for the group to hear speaker(s) who can offer a “tutorial” on integrated regional water management planning. In reference to that, Sarah asked the group for input on having John Mills speak to the RWMG in August. It was decided to plan a 2-day meeting in August, with John Mills speaking 1 day and the regular RWMG meeting, either the day before or day after. Sarah also suggested considering a plan to schedule a field trip or two for future meetings.

6. Presentation: Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC): Kristen presented an informative overview of the SFC, a local land trust. The organization works in Fresno, Madera and Mariposa counties and holds land in fee title as preserves or holds conservation easements on property. Kristen and Ray then discussed a specific project in the Greeley Hill area, the Bean Creek Meadow Restoration Project, an 80-acre property donated in 2010. A lively question and answer period followed the presentation.

7. Looking Ahead - Working with Kennedy/Jenks (K/J): With the assumption that we will receive a positive decision on DWR funding, Sarah asked the group to break into smaller groups for discussion on the question, “how to ensure effective and productive work together with K/J”. Each of the 3 groups reported on their thoughts. The second group had the most extensive ideas which will be documented and sent to the MCRCDD for distribution, along with the other ideas, to the group.

Pat commented that the idea regarding requesting for a study of well log data in Mariposa from DWR is pending response from Anna, who has been on vacation.

Sarah asked for individual feedback on the augmentations to the meeting format. The responses were positive.

8. Upcoming Meetings: The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2012 at 10:30 AM in this same location. Date and time of the presentation by John Mills will be communicated to the group.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: August 23, 2012
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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Special Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

<u>Member Agency/Organization</u>	<u>Representative Present</u>
Coulterville Community Club	(None)
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	(None)
Mariposa County	Supervisor Kevin Cann
“	County Counsel Steve Dahlem
“	Public Works Dir. Peter Rei
“	Mariposa Co. OES-Don Florence
Mariposa Fire Safe Council	John Schroeder
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	Mark Rowney
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)	Glenn Franklin
Mariposans for the Environment	Rita Kidd
& Responsible Government (MERG)	Tony Kidd
Merced Irrigation District (MID)	Dick Tzou
Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter	(None)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Anne Steed
“	Holly Warner
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Bill Ralph

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	Ellie Duste
US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest	(None)
US Forest Service-Stanislaus National Forest	(None)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)	(None)
National Park Service-Yosemite National Park	(None)

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Sarah Rubin-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Pat Garcia-MCRCD

Guests: Barry Brouillette, Gary Colliver, John Mills, Marilyn Saunders

1. Welcome & Introductions: The meeting was convened at 10:05 AM by Pat and the attendees introduced themselves.

2. Guest Presentation and Discussion: Sarah re-introduced herself and described her role with the Center of Collaborative Policy. She also congratulated the group on receiving the Planning Grant funding recommendation from DWR. She then introduced John Mills and also took notes of John's discussion. (See attached.)

3. Wrap up and adjourn: Sarah reminded everyone about the regular meeting tomorrow and that Ken Schmidt would also be making a presentation during the 8/23 session.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: 9/27/12

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Thursday, August 23, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Coulterville Community Club
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)
Mariposa County
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Mariposa Fire Safe Council
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCDD)
Mariposans for the Environment
& Responsible Government (MERG)
Merced Irrigation District (MID)
Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Representative Present

(None)
(None)
Supervisor Kevin Cann
Public Works Dir. Peter Rei
Mariposa Co. OES-Don Florence (by phone)
John Schroeder
Mark Rowney
Glenn Franklin
Rita Kidd
Tony Kidd
Dick Tzou
(None)
Anne Steed
Bill Ralph

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board
US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest
US Forest Service-Stanislaus National Forest
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
National Park Service-Yosemite National Park

Ellie Duste
(None)
(None)
(None)
(None)

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Sarah Rubin-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Pat Garcia-MCRCDD

Guests: Barry Brouillette, Gary Colliver, Ken Schmidt

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:34 AM by Pat and the attendees introduced themselves.
- Congratulations to the group for successfully being recommended for Planning Grant funding.
- The July meeting minutes were approved by consensus.
- Agenda check-no changes or additions.

2. DWR Update: Anna commented that our application was one of the best, as it was well prepared and highly scored. The public comment period ends August 24, 2012, with final recommendations hopefully coming out next month. Anna will be our DWR contact throughout the process. The next step is to complete the contract, which takes about 3 months. She then discussed the Implementation Round 2 applications due in March 2013.

- Well log analysis-update on DWR assistance: The options are to complete this “in-house” or through a formal Technical Support Services contract. She thinks this can be completed in-house, which would be much more expedient. We are awaiting a decision by the DWR managers.

- Anna was asked about invoice payment turn-around. She responded that if the invoice is complete then payment can be made within 90 days. If anything is missing, then the time is extended. She will bring some slides next month to explain the process.

3. Guest Presentation – Ken Schmidt: Sarah introduced Ken Schmidt. He gave a very interesting presentation along with a PowerPoint about his experience over the years with hard-rock wells in the local area. He spoke about numerous topics including salt water, water quality, lateral radial wells, mountain meadows, pump tests and re-charge rates.

4. Discussion and Q&A: Sarah asked for the most important take-aways from the presentation. Some of the responses included the information about meadow re-charge rates, deep water flows and well inventory sample sizes. A question and answer session followed.

5. Friends of Mariposa Creek Letter: A letter was distributed from the Friends of Mariposa Creek, requesting the attention of the RWMG in reference to possible projects on the Mariposa Creek. The importance of Mariposa Creek within the Yosemite-Mariposa region was acknowledged. The role of the public and public input was discussed and a public comment period will be added to upcoming agendas. Anna mentioned the process involved with implementation projects, including the call for projects, implementation project selection, and the public comment period associated with the selection process. It was mentioned that the current RWMG has not reviewed the initial list of planning and implementation issues and short list of projects. A meeting will be scheduled within the next month to start this review process.

6. Planning for future meetings: Sarah asked for volunteers for 2 sub-committees. The sub-group to review requirements to hire a Program Manager will include Glenn Franklin, Rita Kidd, Mark Rowney and John Schroeder. The sub-group to review the application for any revisions prior to signing the contract with DWR will include Barry Brouillette, Kevin Cann, Gary Colliver, Glenn Franklin and John Schroeder. Pat will coordinate meeting times. Sarah discussed changing the October meeting to third Thursday instead of the fourth Thursday to coordinate with a potential upcoming DAC Outreach meeting with the Inyo-Mono, Madera and Mariposa IRWMs, possibly October 17. The consensus of the group is to change that meeting to October 18, 2012. Finally, the date of the combined November-December meeting will be decided at the next meeting.

7. Wrap up and adjourn: Sarah suggested extending the next few meetings by one hour to allow enough time for the business at hand. The next meeting will be September 27, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pat and Sarah will discuss the inter-regional meeting schedule. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be on September 6, 2012. Kevin and Glenn will attend to thank the SNC for their assignment of Elissa Brown and her assistance with capacity building during this grant application process. The public is invited to the tours and reception on September 5.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by: _____ Pat Garcia _____ Date Approved: ___September 27, 2012___

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Representative Present

Coulterville Community Club	(None)
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	(None)
Mariposa County	Supervisor Kevin Cann
“	Public Works Dir. Peter Rei
Mariposa Fire Safe Council	(none)
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	Mark Rowney
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCDD)	Glenn Franklin
Mariposa Economic Development Corporation	Barry Brouillette
Mariposans for the Environment	Len McKenzie
& Responsible Government (MERG)	
Merced Irrigation District (MID)	Dick Tzou
Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter	(None)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Anne Steed
“	Holly Warner
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	[Len McKenzie]

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	Ellie Duste
US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest	(None)
US Forest Service-Stanislaus National Forest	Maggie Dowd (by phone)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)	Robyn Smith
National Park Service-Yosemite National Park	(None)

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Sarah Rubin-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Pat Garcia-MCRCDD

Guests: Kirsten Boysen-Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Gary Colliver, John Shelton-US Department of Fish & Game.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 9:37 AM by Pat and the attendees introduced themselves.
- Staffing update: Sarah explained her change in family plans and the subsequent departure from her assignment as facilitator. She said that Jodie Monaghan, who was unable to attend today’s meeting, will take her place at the meetings next month and also described her qualifications.
- The August meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: N/A

3. DWR Update: Anna distributed a list of overall regional funds available the new round of Implementation Grants. She said that DWR suggests the option of working with the individual regions within the San Joaquin River Region to consider agreeing upon applying for a segment of the available funding. Sarah commented that some regions consider the application process to be entirely competitive. The total funding amounts for Rounds 2 and 3 and the match for disadvantaged communities (DAC) were discussed.

Well log analysis-update on DWR assistance: Pat said that the confidentiality agreement has been signed and sent to Michelle Dooley as requested and also described the data that will be available.

4. State Water Plenary Update: A 2-day meeting was held in Sacramento on 9/12/12-9/13/12 for updates relating to the State Water Plan. Glenn attended on 9/12 and gave a review of the day's events. Sarah attended on 9/13 and reviewed the special session on the statewide strategic plans for the future directions of IRWM. Details of the sessions are available on the State Water Plan website.

The Regional Forums and the Design Team meetings were also discussed as valuable venues for information sharing. Judy Talbot from CCP is a contact for coordinating these meetings. Anna commented on the importance of inter-regional coordination and especially for potential projects.

5. Ad hoc Subcommittee Reports:

Program Manager: A subcommittee met twice to discuss the regional needs for this position. Glenn gave an overview of the discussions and the committee recommendation to contract with John Mills as a sole source provider. Mark and Kevin also commented about his qualifications. Further discussion was held regarding the available budget and contracting directly with him instead of through Kennedy/Jenks (K/J) for interregional coordination only. There was full consensus of the RWMG to accept the subcommittee's recommendation.

Application review prior to contracting: Two meetings were held with part of the subcommittee members. Pat asked Anna about her desired format for any changes to the original application. Anna would like a listing of any changes along with the final version of the application. More meetings will be scheduled for further review; input from John Mills and K/J will be included.

Project Selection criteria & Potential Projects: A meeting was held on 9/12/12 with nine attendees including Sachi Itagaki from K/J by phone. The Yosemite-Mariposa (Y-M) regional priorities were compared to the statewide priorities and a matrix was developed and distributed. Considerable discussion was then held about whether we should apply for Round 2 Implementation funding. The consensus of the group was to pursue the application process for Round 2.

6. Presentation: John Shelton from the Department of Fish & Game (DFG) gave a very interesting presentation about water issues and lessons learned from other IRWM efforts. He has been especially involved with the Southern Sierra and Madera IRWMs. He also discussed the work around climate change and how much of the work relates to water issues. In addition, climate change causes plant and animal species move at different rates creating novel communities and climate and temperature changes affect fire ecology. He also discussed the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) that is updated every 5 years to set regional priorities. He mentioned that the DFG name will be changing to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Following his presentation, a question and answer period followed.

7. Y-M RWMG MOU: Sarah distributed a comparison of other group governance structures to aid our discussion on updating our governance structure and membership MOU going forward. She discussed the various examples provided. A subcommittee including Glenn, Kevin and Len will meet for further discussion about the potential updates and changes to further develop the Y-M governance structure.

8. Wrap up and adjourn: The next meeting will be on October 18, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A meeting to discuss DAC Outreach will be held after that with representatives from the Inyo- Mono and Madera regions. The combined November/December meeting will be held on 12/6 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Several IRWM updates will be given during October: Pat plans to attend the Mariposa Indian Council on 10/4; Glenn will present at the Mariposa Board of Supervisors meeting on 10/9; Glenn and Anne will present an update at the 2012 Yosemite Hydro-Climate Meeting on 10/11.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: October 18, 2012

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Representative Present

Coulterville Community Club	(None)
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	(None)
Mariposa County	Supervisor Kevin Cann
“	Public Works Dir. Peter Rei
Mariposa Fire Safe Council	(none)
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	Mark Rowney
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCDD)	Glenn Franklin
“	Brenda Ostrom
Mariposa Economic Development Corp.	(None)
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG)	Len McKenzie
Merced Irrigation District (MID)	(None)
Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter	(None)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Anne Steed
“	Holly Warner
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Bill Ralph

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	(None)
US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest	(None)
US Forest Service-Stanislaus National Forest	(None)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)	Robyn Smith
National Park Service-Yosemite National Park	(None)

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Pat Garcia-MCRCDD

Guests: Holly Alpert-Inyo-Mono IRWMP, Kristen Boysen-Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Jeannie Habben-Madera Region RWMG, Sachi Itagaki (by phone) Kennedy-Jenks, Ed Temple-Friends of Bear Creek, Dena Traina-Provost & Pritchard.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 9:37 AM by Pat and the attendees introduced themselves.
- Staffing update: Jodie gave a brief background of her experience and also communicated regards from Sarah Rubin and gave an update on her circumstances. Jeannie offered other details after her conversation with Sarah.
- The September meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: N/A

3. Update from DWR:

- Well log data-Pat gave an update that the DWR representatives (Siran Eryasian and Michelle Dooley) will be coming to Mariposa to hand over the GIS data and well log information to the RWMG and Emily Merriam from the Planning Department early next month.

4. Yosemite Hydroclimate Workshop: Anne, Glenn and Holly attended this conference on 10/11/12 and gave a summary to the other attendees there regarding the Yosemite-Mariposa RWMG activities. Anne and Glenn commented on the questions and answers that were discussed during their report.

5. Ad-hoc Committee Reports:

1. Program Manager Position-Kevin, Glenn and Mark, members of the Program Manager subcommittee, have continued to meet with John Mills regarding contract obligations and proposed budgets.
2. Application Review (prior to contracting)-Glenn gave an overview of the subcommittee meeting held on 10/15/12 with Kevin, Mark, Glenn, Anne and Pat. (Peter Rei also attended during a discussion about implementation projects.) A follow-up meeting will be held on 10/30 from 1:00-3:00 with the subcommittee and will include Sachi and John attending by phone. Glenn asked for group consensus for the subcommittee to submit the application when the updates are completed. The group concurred.

6. Y-M RWMG Governance: The sub-committee to review the MOU and initial governance structure presented a draft document that they prepared for the RWMG. The sub-committee, Glenn, Len and Kevin, proposed a 2-tier structure to address potential situations when consensus cannot be reached. Discussion among the group ensued and the group provided input and further ideas. An updated document including feedback from the members' discussion will be distributed for further review prior to the next meeting.

7. Project Selection: At the last meeting, the consensus of the group was to pursue the application process for Round 2 Implementation funds. On 10/15, as a prelude to the Application Review subcommittee meeting, a discussion was held between the members and Peter about potentially eligible public works projects. Peter provided a summary of immediate needs and Sachi commented about the application submittal process. It was agreed that the timeframes of the public works priority projects are not suitable for attempting to submit for Round 2. Holly mentioned projects that are more "conservation-minded" and Kristen commented on some Sierra Foothill Conservancy projects, i.e., phased meadow restoration outside of Coulterville, which may be appropriate. A sub-committee to start building project selection criteria and begin to gather and screen projects was formed including Kristen Boysen, Kevin Cann, Glenn Franklin, Len McKenzie, Peter Rei, Mark Rowney and Holly Warner. Glenn will coordinate the first meeting. Jeannie Habben and Holly Alpert agreed to share their project criteria with the Y-M group.

8. Public Outreach: On 10/9/12, Glenn provided a Y-M update to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors. On 10/4/12, Pat attended the Mariposa Indian Council meeting to provide an update of Y-M activities since we last attended on 8/4/11 and renew our invitation to participate in the Y-M RWMG. Holly gave an overview of the IRWM efforts in the Inyo-Mono region and her efforts with the DAC Outreach program grant. A subset of people will be meeting with Holly after the RWMG meeting. Jeannie also spoke about some of the challenges of IRWM in the Madera region.

9. Wrap up and Reminders: The sub-committees for Governance, Projects and Application Review will meet before the next RWMG meeting on 12/6, which will be held in this location unless otherwise notified. All who would like to attend the DWR meeting on 11/14 in Fresno are encouraged to do so and report back to the large group on 12/6/12.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: December 6, 2012

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2012
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

<u>Member Agency/Organization</u>	<u>Representative Present</u>
Coulterville Community Club	(None)
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	(None)
Mariposa County	(None)
Mariposa Fire Safe Council	(none)
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	Mark Rowney
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)	Glenn Franklin
Mariposa Economic Development Corporation	(None)
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG)	Len McKenzie
Merced Irrigation District (MID)	Dick Tzou
Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter	(None)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Anne Steed
“	Holly Warner
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Bill Ralph

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	Ellie Duste
US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest	(None)
US Forest Service-Stanislaus National Forest	(None)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)	(None)
National Park Service-Yosemite National Park	(None)

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Pat Garcia-MCRCD

Guests: Kristen Boysen-Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Sachi Itagaki (by phone) Kennedy/Jenks, Dena Traina (by phone) Provost /Pritchard.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:10 AM by Pat.
- Jodie asked for introductions and the answers to 2 questions: What was your favorite Christmas gift as a child and what do you want Santa to bring this year? The attendees responded.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance; Glenn announced that the DWR grant awards were posted on 12/3 with full funding recommended for Yosemite-Mariposa.
- Jodie reviewed the upcoming agenda items. No additions were noted.
- The October meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: N/A

3. Well Log Data Update: Emily Merriam, Mariposa County GIS Technician, was not able to attend today, so Pat reported on the transfer of the Mariposa well-log data from DWR and requested feedback from the group about data elements to track and/or input for analysis. Sachi suggested having an off-line conversation to strategize our plan. Anna said she would check with other IRWM groups about their

usage of this type of data. Glenn, Sachi and Pat will meet to discuss. Dick mentioned keeping CASGEM entry compliance in mind.

4. Plan Update/Round 2 Grants: Pat is working on the final revisions to the application before meeting with the group for approval of the documents to submit to DWR for our agreement and she detailed the changes to be made. Anna offered her congratulations and said that the next step is to finalize our agreement and to discuss the invoicing process. She will speak about invoicing at our January meeting. She also commented on the Round 2 Implementation applications that are due March 29, 2013. An IRWM Plan must be in place by about October 2013, and at least 1 project shovel-ready by April-May 2014. Regional funding amounts were discussed, as well as the timing of our IRWM Plan development. Glenn, Sachi, John Mills and Pat will meet before the holidays for further discussion and to make the final decision about applying for Round 2 Implementation funding.

5. Public Outreach: Glenn gave an update on the DAC Outreach meeting that was held after the last RWMG meeting on October 18, with Holly Alpert-Inyo-Mono IRWM, Jeannie Habben-Madera IRWM, Dena Traina-Merced RAC, Jodie Monaghan and several members from Yosemite-Mariposa. Inyo-Mono region has a DWR grant to assist other regions with training and ideas for effective DAC outreach. Each of the regions discussed issues they have encountered and how they have dealt with them.

6. Y-M RWMG Governance: Jodie opened the discussion of the MOU revisions by reviewing a PowerPoint she prepared outlining the new governance structure. She also shared other regions' feedback from 2 of the 4 DWR workshops regarding their some of their experiences with MOUs. Details of language and terminology on the draft MOU were discussed and agreed upon by consensus. After other discussion, it was agreed that public comment will be allowed on each topic of future agendas, in order to allow members of the public that are not members of the RWAC to have input throughout the process as stakeholders. Finally, the draft was reviewed item by item. The attending members agreed by consensus to adopt the revised language of the MOU. All edited comments and corrections will be incorporated into the document, which will then be distributed for authorized signatures and notations of authorized representatives and alternate representatives.

7. Wrap up and Reminders: A brief discussion was held about the regularly scheduled meeting date being changed from the fourth Thursday of the month to the fourth Wednesday of each month. It was agreed that the meetings will change to the fourth Wednesday of the month, between 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Pat will reserve the meeting room for next year. Jodie reminded all to turn in their completed in-kind hour forms.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: January 24, 2013

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

<u>Member Agency/Organization</u>	<u>Representative Present</u>
Coulterville Community Club	(None)
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	(None)
Mariposa County	Kevin Cann
“	John Carrier
Mariposa Fire Safe Council	(none)
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	(none)
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)	Glenn Franklin
Mariposa Economic Development Corporation	(None)
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERG)	Len McKenzie
“	Rosemarie Smallcombe
Merced Irrigation District (MID)	Hicham Eltal
Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter	(None)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Anne Steed
“	Ed Temple
“	Holly Warner
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Bill Downey
Partners:	
Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	Ellie Dusté
US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest	(None)
US Forest Service-Stanislaus National Forest	Curtis Kvamme
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)	Robyn Smith
National Park Service-Yosemite National Park	(None)
Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Pat Garcia-MCRCD	
Guests: Sachi Itagaki (by phone) Kennedy/Jenks	

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:10 AM by Pat.
- Jodie asked for introductions including name, organization, along with one New Year’s resolution and, if willing to share, the status of that resolution. The attendees responded.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded the group that future meetings will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. She also gave an update on Sarah Rubin’s status. Glenn welcomed everyone and mentioned that the revised Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) need to be completed and submitted.
- The December meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: N/A

3. Membership Update: Pat reiterated Glenn’s comment regarding the requirement to sign the new MOUs. Thus far, MOUs have been received from the Mariposa County, MCRCD, MERG, Sierra

Foothill Conservancy (SFC), UMRWC and the Water Agency Advisory Board. The MPUD Board of Directors will be meeting on February 4, 2013 and follow-up has been requested by MID and YAAS. Outreach will be made to the other prior members. Jodie asked about outreach to any other agencies, especially other private water agencies. Several agencies were mentioned.

4. Project Overview: Pat reported that the Workplan, Budget and Schedule documents are in the process of being updated to reflect the organizational changes and timeline adjustments that have occurred since the application was first submitted. After discussion, it was agreed that the updated versions will be posted on the MCRCD website (www.mcrcd.net) for review and comment prior to submittal to DWR. Pat also reviewed the various subcommittees that are planned, so that the group members would have a better idea of the anticipated work. The subcommittees include Public Outreach, Data Management, Project Evaluation, Plan Review and Groundwater Studies. There was also a Project Criteria and Selection subcommittee formed that will begin meeting after we have our agreements in place. Sachi described Data Management strategies in response to a member's query.

5. Public Outreach: Jodie will be creating the first draft of the Y-M Public Outreach Plan for review by the selected subcommittee. The following people volunteered to participate on the subcommittee: Ellie Dusté, Len McKenzie, Ed Temple and Holly Warner, along with Pat Garcia. Jodie will be in contact with those members.

6. Invoicing Process: Anna distributed flowchart hand-outs of the DWR invoicing process. She then discussed the 3-tier planning grant invoicing process. Reimbursement takes a minimum of 90 days after submittal. The tiers include the grantee, the DWR program administration office, then the DWR accounting process office and finally, the State Controller's office. There are 3 rules to a successful invoice: 1.) The dollars must be expended, i.e., the work must have been done (no advance payments); 2.) There must be evidence provided for the work (e.g., timesheet, contractor invoice, paid check); 3.) The charge must be referenced to the specific task for which the work was done. Anything that is not provided or unclear will delay the process for days or weeks. Reimbursements for travel, meals and lodging must comply with state rate limitations. Anna will be happy to discuss this further, as requested.

7. Moving Forward: Jodie opened the discussion by asking the group what type of tools, topics and speakers they would like to have scheduled to help inform their efforts. The group members responded and Jodie tracked the answers and other input on a flipchart. Snowpack, climate change, tribal inclusion, local natural resource information, water quality and specific speakers were mentioned. Jodie and Sachi will work together to determine the best timing to present the information and speakers related to the plan development schedule.

8. Wrap up and Reminders: Please turn in your in-kind tracking forms. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013. Pat will post the draft application documents on the website by tomorrow for feedback from the group members. Glenn again reminded everyone to submit their completed MOUs.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: March 27, 2013

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

<u>Member Agency/Organization</u>	<u>Representative Present</u>
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	Ralph Felix
Mariposa County Water Agency	John Carrier
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	Mark Rowney
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCDD)	Glenn Franklin
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Government (MERC)	Len McKenzie
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)	Steve Wright
“	Ron Terry
Sierra Foothill Conservancy	Kristen Boysen
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Anne Steed
“	Ed Temple
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Bill Downey
Partners:	
Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	Ellie Dusté

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Pat Garcia-MCRCDD

Guests: Michael Anderson-DWR, Barry Brouillette-Economic Development Corporation, Steve Bulfer, Gary Colliver, Don Florence-Mariposa County OES (by phone), Jeff Gabe-Merced River Conservation Committee, Dena Traina-Provost & Pritchard (by phone)

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:10 AM by Pat.
- Our facilitator Jodie asked for introductions including name, organization, along with their most challenging issue with computers. The attendees responded with humor.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie and there were no changes or additions.
- The January meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie discussed the expanded definition of the opportunities for public comment. There was no public comment offered at this time.

3. Membership Updates: This agenda item is now a roundtable opportunity for each member to give organizational updates. Pat discussed the Sierra Water Work Group and the quarterly meeting that MCRCDD hosted in Mariposa on March 19. (For more information about the group, see the website: www.sierrawaterworkgroup.org) Pat also plans to attend the DWR Vision and Goals workshop in Clovis on April 10. Glenn and Anna discussed the upcoming DWR summit and conference in Sacramento on April 3, 4, and 5. Pat will forward the information to the large distribution list. Mark reported that the Stockton Creek Preserve and Trails Dedication ceremony is planned for May 11th at the site.

4. Project Update: Pat commented that she and Anna have been in close communication. Anna said that DWR is reviewing all of the agreements in fine detail to incorporate lessons learned from prior grant rounds and new modifications of the grant requirements. She is hopeful that our agreement may be signed by April. She is also working on the Round 2 Implementation Grant applications and reviewing the Flood applications. She commented that there are additional funds for the DAC (Dis-Advantaged Communities) Outreach grants that will end in 2014. There was also some discussion that the Yosemite-Mariposa Region, as a whole, is now considered to be within the DAC parameters. Pat mentioned that our new member roster currently includes 9 organizations, including 8 members and 1 partner. More discussion will follow when we discuss Governance later in the agenda.

5. Climate Change Presentation: Jodie introduced Dr. Michael Anderson, State Climatologist with DWR. Dr. Anderson presented a very informative program about Climate Change using PowerPoint slides of historical comparisons of various significant data elements utilized by climatologists to gauge and predict changing circumstances, as well as other weather and atmospheric models that affect the California climate. Dr. Anderson will provide the PowerPoint file for distribution. After the presentation, there was an animated period of questions and answers.

6. Public Outreach: Jodie thanked the other Public Outreach Committee members (Ellie Dusté, Len McKenzie, Ed Temple, Holly Warner, Pat Garcia) for attending the kick-off meeting last week. Len reported that the committee reviewed the draft plan developed by Jodie and then added potential organizations and stakeholders to whom we may reach out. The list is generally organized by supervisorial districts. The RWAC members reviewed the list and added their input of various contacts and were instructed to forward other pertinent data to Len or Pat.

7. Y-M RWMG Governance: Jodie opened the discussion by reviewing the management structure of the RWAC and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adopted on 12/6/12. There was no public comment offered. Jodie asked for nominations and/or volunteers for the final 2 members of the RWMG. Ellie nominated Lake Don Pedro Community Services District. Anne nominated the Upper Merced River Watershed Council. There were no other nominations. The eight members voted unanimously to accept the 2 organizations as the final members of the RWMG. The group will only meet if there is a need, as detailed in the MOU.

8. Wrap up and Reminders: Pat reminded everyone to submit their in-kind hourly forms. The next meeting is planned for April 24, 2013. Jodie asked for feedback on the guest speaker and received positive feedback. She mentioned that Don Florence will be a guest speaker in the next month or two, John Suen will present later in the fall or early winter and if there are any other requests for speakers to let her know. Pat asked everyone to welcome the newest RWAC member, the Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company who just completed their MOU. John Carrier also mentioned that Steve Wright will be the new district 5 representative on the Water Agency Advisory Board.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: May 22, 2013

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)
Mariposa County Water Agency
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)
Mariposans for the Environment
& Responsible Government (MERG)
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)
Sierra Foothill Conservancy
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)
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Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Representative Present

(none)
John Carrier
Mark Rowney
Glenn Franklin
Len McKenzie
Rosemarie Smallcombe
(none)
Kristen Boysen
Anne Steed
Ed Temple
Holly Warner
Bill Downey

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board Ellie Dusté

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP)

Guests: Barry Brouillette-Economic Development Corporation, Gary Colliver, Maggie Dowd-US Forest Service-Stanislaus, Don Florence-Mariposa County OES, Donn Harter-Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association, Carmel Lozano-Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company, Sean Maguire-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants-by phone, Robyn Smith-USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Dena Traina-Provost & Pritchard

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:05 AM by Pat.
- Jodie asked for introductions including name, organization, along with any plans for summer vacation. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie and there were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance, especially the speakers who will begin our local educational process. Jodie commented on the new logo developed by the RCD staff.
- The March meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. Carmel introduced herself and asked that a copy of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be sent to her. Gary added his appreciation for the educational approach for the Council members and the public.

3. Membership Updates: Pat and Glenn attended the DWR “Visions & Goals Workshop” in Clovis on April 10. Pat gave a summary of the session. They will be attending the Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG) Summit June 11-13 (announcement distributed to the large mailing list on May 21). The DWR Mountain Counties Regional Forum is planned for June 20. Pat will forward those details after the meeting. Glenn added his comments on the SWWG Summit and expanded on the agenda. He mentioned the Central-Sierra California Association of Resource Conservation District (CARCD) regional meeting hosted in Mariposa, where Anna gave a presentation on IRWMs and the DWR grants available. Maggie

reported that the Kinsley Fire Station is now staffed 5 days a week. Anna gave an update on the Y-M planning agreement delays that are due to extra oversight by her department before the new agreements are signed. She anticipates completion by the end of this month. She clarified that while the work has been approved to begin as of November 29, 2012, the agreement is the vehicle by which we may begin to be reimbursed for work that has been completed. She commented on the funding in the proposed Water Plan and Proposition 96 on the November, 2014 ballot that would provide more IRWM funds, potentially in 2016. She also highlighted the Disadvantaged Community (DAC) mapping tool on the DWR website. <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resourceslinks.cfm>. After some discussion on DACs, Jodie will look into scheduling a DAC presentation for an upcoming meeting. Holly will forward information about the Sierra Eco-Summit in Groveland, scheduled for June 22-23, 2013.

4. Mariposa Public Utility District Presentation: Mark Rowney, General Manager of MPUD, gave a presentation about public water supplies, wastewater and water resources in Mariposa in general. There are various types of water agencies within Mariposa County, including mutual water companies and special districts, all under specific regulations and requirements. He then discussed the formation of the utility district, the establishment of the Stockton Creek reservoir and the Saxon Creek water project and also described the structure of the municipal water system and how it functions. Questions were answered during the presentation. Mark also shared a number of historical photographs of dams, reservoirs, treatment plants and equipment.

5. Mariposa County Water Resources: Don Florence, Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services (OES), introduced himself, described his department and gave an overview of the newly adopted Mariposa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). This type of plan is essential to qualify for a variety of funding sources. He discussed climate vs. weather (prediction compared to what is happening now) and the potential effects on fire behavior, watersheds and living conditions locally and globally. He presented a 2013 Spring Weather Outlook that indicates significantly warmer and drier conditions, in order to provide information to help prioritize potential projects. Maggie commented on the impacts of the recent conditions on her prescribed burn schedules in the Stanislaus Forest. Other questions were answered and comments offered during the presentation. Finally, Don gave an overview of key portions of the LHMP, asked the attendees to review those LHMP materials and to forward any feedback to him for inclusion in the upcoming revision to the plan due in August.

6. Public Outreach: Len gave an update on the work done at recent Committee meetings to identify potential stakeholders targeted for the Public Outreach efforts. Jodie said that we intend 2 types of outreach: a.) to inform the general public; b.) to contact potential RWAC members and project proponents. Rosemarie mentioned the upcoming Mariposa Pines Annual Picnic in early July. Carmel commented about meeting with the Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company Board of Directors. Donn asked for a 20-minute presentation for the Fish Camp Mutual Water Company Board of Directors and subsequent Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association meeting on July 20, 2013 at 9:30 AM.

7. Y-M RWMG Updates: Pat commented that the Economic Development Corporation is expected to submit their signed copy of the new MOU. Pat thanked Anna for her DWR updates. Pat is also working on the Kennedy Jenks agreement and a new Facilitation Support Services application.

8. Wrap up and Reminders: The attendees were reminded to turn in their in-kind sheets to Pat, who will forward them to Anne, as well as signing in on the attendance list. Jodie thanked the guest speakers. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: June 27, 2013

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)
Mariposa County Water Agency
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Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCDD)
Mariposans for the Environment
& Responsible Government (MERG)
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)
Sierra Foothill Conservancy
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)
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Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Representative Present

Candy O'Donel-Browne
Ralph Felix
Kevin Cann
John Carrier
(none)
(none)
Len McKenzie
Rosemarie Smallcombe
Steven Wright
(none)
Holly Warner
Anne Steed
Ed Temple (by phone)
Bill Downey

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board (none)

Staff: Pat Garcia-MCRCDD, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP)

Guests: Maggie Dowd (by phone) & Curtis Kvamme -US Forest Service-Stanislaus, Karen Glendenning-Yosemite-Alpine Community Services District, Donn Harter-Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association, Carmel Lozano-Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company, Melissa Odell-Point Blue Conservation Service, Peter Rei-Mariposa County Public Works, Art Richards-cattleman.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:00 AM by Pat.
- Jodie asked for introductions including name, organization, along with one interesting thing about the speaker that most people don't know. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance. She also commented about the request at the last meeting for more information on Dis-Advantaged Communities (DAC). She gave a brief descriptive overview of DACs and reported that she has spoken with a consultant referred by Anna Aljabiry. There will be more discussions scheduled in subsequent meetings.
- The May meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. Art introduced himself and mentioned that this is shaping up to be one of the worst drought years in Mariposa history.

3. Member Updates: Steve said that for this first time in its history, a well at the Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company went dry last week. Pat gave a summary of the Sierra Water Work Group (SWWG) Summit in June and the break-out sessions she attended. Kristin Boysen and the Smallcombes also attended. Pat also participated in a DWR forum on June 20 regarding the Water Plan-Mountain Counties Overlay document, as well as the Merced IRWM monthly meeting on June 25. As requested, she will send out links to the SWWG Summit presentations and the June 20 DWR meeting materials.

Finally, a second Facilitation Support Services grant application was submitted by Jodie on June 25. Curtis commented on a current Stanislaus project that includes a portion of the Y-M planning area: within the 1987 wildfire complex area, they are doing forest management, meadow restoration and road work and much of the work involves water resources. He mentioned that these efforts could possibly be considered as match for future projects. He reiterated the importance of participating in the public comment period of the Forest Plan revisions. Rosemarie mentioned that the Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo Forest Plans are currently under review and also referenced the Sierra Forest Legacy website for their conservation strategy recommendations www.sierraforestlegacy.org. She then asked that the supervisors comment on the underrepresentation of the Sierra Nevada areas at the state legislature. Kevin spoke about the Rural Counties Representatives of California (RCRC) that represents 33 counties, about 50% of the state landmass and 9% of the population. They are active but have a difficult time being recognized. Ralph commented on the low water levels at Lake Don Pedro and some strategies they are working on to be able to pump water later in the season. Kevin reported on his recent visit to Quincy to observe some significant forest and watershed management activities underway by a consortium of groups in the area.

4. IRWM Programs and Plans: Jodie presented a PowerPoint overview of IRWM that she prepared for the education of the RWAC, as well as being used during outreach efforts. It covered the definition, goals and benefits of IRWM along with the formative history and the planning process. Projects and project selection were also reviewed. (Kevin mentioned the upcoming county-wide greenhouse gas inventory that can be referenced and used in the upcoming IRWM planning.) Jodie reviewed the criteria to join the RWAC and the process of signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Questions were asked and answered. Pat brought copies of the Scope of Work in the Yosemite-Mariposa/ Department of Water Resources agreement for distribution.

5. “The Purpose of Y-M IRWM” Elevator Speech: Jodie discussed the value of developing an “elevator speech,” i.e. a 30-second description of what the Y-M IRWM is and why one should participate in it. Each group member was given paper and asked to spend some time writing down their thoughts. Afterward, group members shared their ideas for the mini-speeches. Jodie will consolidate the ideas for later distribution.

6. Y-M IRWM Goals: Jodie distributed the existing Y-M goals that were developed during the first round planning grant application. Since goals should be actionable and measurable, some editing of the current goals is required. As an example, Jodie also distributed the Tuolumne-Stanislaus objectives developed by that region. The group members were asked to write goal statements that begin with a verb, that are related to a single topic and are succinct. Jodie also posted large sheets on the wall labeled with various topics. After the group worked on the objectives, they posted their notes on the large sheets.

7. Confirm Revised Goals: Jodie and the group then reviewed the 90+ ideas for clarity and to assure understanding of what was intended. Jodie will write up all of the ideas and consolidate them for further refinement by the group along with the Kennedy/Jenks consultant team.

8. Public Outreach Committee report: Committee will be meeting immediately after the adjournment of the RWAC meeting.

9. Wrap up and Reminders: The attendees were reminded to turn in their in-kind sheets to Anne, as well as signing in on the attendance list. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia

Date Approved: July 24, 2013

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)
Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association
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Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)
Mariposa County Water Agency
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Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)
Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company
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Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Govt. (MERG)
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)
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Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)
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Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP).

Guests: Karen Glendenning (by phone)-Yosemite-Alpine Community Services District, Jeannie Habben-Madera IRWMP, Tom Martin and Amanda Martin-Cattle ranchers (Cattlemen’s Association and Farm Bureau) , Melissa Odell-Point Blue Conservation Service, Peter Rei-Mariposa County Public Works, Diana Terra-Acuerdo con Dios HOA.

Representative Present

Candy O’Donel-Browne
Donn Harter
Barry Green
(none)
Kevin Cann
John Carrier
Mark Rowney
Glenn Franklin
Carmel Lozano
Tom Atkins
Roy Leach
Len McKenzie
Steven Wright
Ron Terry
Susan Hamilton
(none)
Anne Steed
Ed Temple
Bill Downey

Ellie Dusté

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:03 AM by Pat. Jodie asked for introductions including name, organization and to name one thing still left on their “Bucket List”. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance, as well as their on-going participation in this important effort.
- The June meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. There were none at this time.

3. Member Updates: Pat announced that the agreement between the Y-M region and DWR has been fully executed. Subsequently, the contract with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants has also been signed. Mark announced that the new Mariposa water treatment plant is now open and they ran the first overnight operation yesterday. Also they have stopped drawing water from Saxon Creek (much earlier in the year the usual). Kevin mentioned that Wawona surface water system is already at late August levels. Peter

gave a summary of the septic system work in progress at Yosemite West. John commented that since many of the local water systems were built in the 1960's, creating a regional IRWM plan is a positive step toward securing future funding to address the issues of aging water supply systems. Jeannie described the Madera region work in progress, including the update of their IRWM Plan, work on four Round 1 Implementation projects and waiting to hear the results of their Round 2 Implementation application. She mentioned that Jodie will be facilitating their meetings through an FSS grant and also offered a referral to their website to share any of the materials that they have already developed <http://www.madera-id.org/index.php/rwmg> . Donn commented on the plans to put in a well for the Fish Camp fire station and subsequent plans for a water storage tank. Glenn said that MCRCD director Mike Hubert passed away last week. Len commented that MERG board member Jim Spotts also passed away very recently.

4. "The Purpose of Y-M IRWM" Elevator Speech: Jodie distributed her synthesis of the "Elevator Speeches" (short descriptions of the purpose, activities and why one should be interested in the Y-M IRWM effort) that were developed at the last meeting. The responses were positive. Pat will post the result as a description on the Y-M webpage <http://www.mcrcd.net/Pages/IRWMP.aspx>.

5. Kennedy/Jenks Consultants Introduction: Sachi introduced herself and gave a synopsis of her work with K/J. The consultants' purpose is to assist with the plan preparation for our entire, diverse region. Sachi then reviewed the scope of work, schedule and plan topics; we are beginning with the objectives and the region description. The attendees asked questions, offered comments, compliments and suggestions.

6. Y-M IRWM Objectives: The draft objectives that the group worked on last meeting were collated and edited by K/J staff, along with Y-M objectives previously identified. They were distributed to the group, as Sachi referenced the DWR Guidelines for objectives and how they apply to regional needs and issues. The large group was divided into smaller work groups for an exercise in developing SMART objectives (specific, measureable, attainable, relevant and time-based.) After the work session, the results were shared. K/J will continue the development work and bring the results to the next meeting.

7. Member Highlight-Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company: Steve gave an overview of the water system including number of wells and tanks and customers served. Ron discussed their 3-year plans, issues and project needs. He also discussed the annual costs for electricity and income and expenses. Some of the other mutual water company representatives asked specific operating questions. Susan then discussed pending legislation (AB240) and the anticipated impacts of that bill to mutual water companies. Further questions and answers were discussed about specific company operations.

8. Outreach Committee Report: Pat reported on the Public Outreach Committee (POC) progress in working on the Public Outreach Plan and developing some initial materials, including a brochure created by Jodie. On July 20, several committee members presented at the first meeting in this round of outreach at the Fish Camp Advisory Council meeting held at the Tenaya Lodge. Our newest member, Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association, was there as well as representatives from Yosemite-Alpine Community Service District, who anticipates signing the Y-M MOU at their next meeting on September 28. Also, Dave Martin, District Ranger-Sierra National Forest (SNF) offered his support of IRWM by commenting on a mutual project between SNF and Madera IRWM. The presentation was well-received. Future work by the POC will be done in conjunction with K/J.

9. Wrap up and Reminders: The November-December meeting will be held on December 4. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2013. As the Chambers will not be available, the next meeting will be held at the Mariposa County Human Services Center. The attendees were reminded to turn in their in-kind sheets to Anne, as well as signing in on the attendance list.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: August 28, 2013

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2013
Location: Human Services Center, Mariposa Room
5362 Lemee Lane, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa County (EDC)
Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association
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Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)

Mariposa County Water Agency

Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)

Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)

Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company

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Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)
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Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)

Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)
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Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Partners:

Mariposa County Water Agency Advisory Board

Representative Present

Barry Brouillette

Donn Harter

Barry Green

(none)

(none)

Mark Rowney

Glenn Franklin

Carmel Lozano

Rosemarie Smallcombe

Steven Wright

Ron Terry

Kristen Boysen

Holly Warner

Anne Steed

Bill Downey

Ellie Dusté

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Ryan Lippincott-K/J, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP).

Guests: Karen Glendenning (by phone)-Yosemite-Alpine Community Services District, Lauren Hubert-USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Brian Kelly-Merced Irrigation District, Dave Martin-USFS- Sierra National Forest.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:13 AM by Jodie. She then asked for introductions including name, organization and to answer the question of the day: “When you graduated from high school, what did you think you wanted to be?” The attendees responded with humor.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat welcomed new RWAC member Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company and thanked everyone for their attendance and on-going participation.
- The July meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. There were none at this time.

3. Member Updates: Sachi gave a high-level overview about various funding opportunities that are currently available, including Funding Fairs that are held periodically. Pat reported the discontinuance of pursuing a second Facilitation Support Services grant application, due to the length of time required. Instead, we will work within the original budget and contract directly with CCP for Jodie’s continued services. Pat invited all interested members to review the contracts and financial reports for the Plan grant work, as MCRCD is the fiscal agent acting to represent each of the RWAC members. Steve reported on the 9/18/13 Westfall Fire and that PBMWC supplied water for fire suppression of the blaze.

Anne mentioned that the annual Great Sierra River Clean-Up will be held on 9/21/13 and she encouraged participation. Kristin reported that the Sierra Foothill Conservancy is applying for national land-trust accreditation and the public comment period is open through next week. Bill announced that YAAS received a national Audubon award for their local programs, notably bird monitoring and school education. Mark commented on the ongoing operations of the new MPUD water plant. Rosemarie said that MERG has met several times with the National Park Service team responsible for the developing the Merced River Plan. Glenn reported that MCRCD is installing 2 new directors and invited all to attend the regular Board of Directors meetings. He represents Mariposa County on the NRCS State Technical Advisory Team regarding Farm Bill funding and welcomes local input. He also gave an update on potential changes to RCDs at the state level. Donn commented on the pending lease for their new water well and storage tank and also commended Dave Martin for his work. Donn shared two posters designed to encourage forest thinning. Ellie had nothing new to report from the Water Agency Advisory Council and also mentioned today's scheduled Public Outreach Committee meeting. Carmel announced that Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company recently installed a new generator.

4. Partner Perspectives: Dave Martin, District Ranger, Bass Lake Ranger Station- Sierra National Forest, presented an overview of the value of public lands in reference to water resources. He stressed the importance of working together with groups like the Y-M RWAC to effect changes in the ways that public lands are managed for environmental benefits, as multiple sources of funding are required to effectively manage public lands. Watersheds must be kept clean at the source, rather than to attempt clean-up at the end. He spoke about the successful partnership with the Madera IRWM in securing Proposition 84 monies for the Bass Lake District to fund fuel hazard reduction practices in order to decrease turbidity and reservoir sedimentation that can result after forest fires. He commented about the relative cost benefits from logging efforts and the issues with scheduling controlled burns. He also talked about the effective fire management techniques practiced 150 years ago in comparison to the methods used since then and the resultant negative effects. Finally, The Sierra National Forest Land Management Plan [also the Inyo and Sequoia National Forest plans] is currently open for comment and Dave strongly encouraged everyone go to the website, review the material and provide their input. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sierra/home/?cid=stelprdb5407995> .

5. Regional Description Discussion: Sachi distributed a list of information needed for the plan regional description. It is essential that the content includes the facts and concerns to support the plan objectives. K/J has been working on the description and should have a draft for review at the next meeting. The items on the list were reviewed individually and member input and information were noted for inclusion. >> **DWR Educational Materials:** Anna presented information about the educational materials available from DWR. She distributed samples for schools and noted the website where they may be ordered: www.water.ca.gov/education/wffcatalog.cfm. The materials may also be adapted for regional purposes.

6. Review Draft Objectives: Sachi led the continuing discussion on the Y-M objectives and distributed a compilation of all the work to date. The draft goals, objectives and strategies were discussed with much input from the RWAC members. Clarifications to vague contributions were provided or tabled. Additional topics were advanced and further sources of information were offered. If anyone has more input during the month, please forward comments to Pat for inclusion. K/J will be working to put all of this material into more of a narrative format as a final draft for review at the next meeting.

7. Wrap up and Reminders: The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2013, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. The attendees were reminded to turn in their in-kind sheets to Anne, as well as signing in on the attendance list.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia

Date Approved: September 25, 2013

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA (Y-M)
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)
Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)
Mariposa County Water Agency
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)
Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Govt. (MERG)
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)

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Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)

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Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Sean Maguire-K/J, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP).

Guests: Gary Colliver-Mariposa, Hicham Eltal-Merced Irrigation District, Darrin McCully-CAL FIRE MMU, Joe Meyer-National Park Service Yosemite, Melissa Odell-Point Blue Conservation Service.

Representative Present

Barry Brouillette
Donn Harter
Ralph Felix (by phone)
John Carrier
(none)
(none)
Carmel Lozano
Len McKenzie
Steven Wright
Ron Terry
Kristen Boysen
Anne Steed
Ed Temple
Holly Warner
Karen Glendenning
Bill Downey

Ellie Dusté

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:10 AM by Jodie, who then asked for introductions including name, organization and to name a new season television show or a movie that they were looking forward to seeing. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance, as well as their on-going participation.
- The August meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. There were none at this time.

3. Member Updates: Sachi discussed the Roundtable of Regions meeting, the upcoming Strategic Plan workshops and the draft IRWM Plan Review meetings. She advocated for sustainable support for DACs. New tribal consultation and policies are due out. She also talked about the funding for the Round 3 Implementation grants for the different regions. Anna recommended the group review the draft Plan

Review guidelines and responded to Karen that our plan can be referenced when to applying for funding from other sources.

4. Member Highlight: Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company: The group was unable to present their information at this meeting and will be rescheduled for a subsequent meeting.

5. Partner Perspective: Jodie introduced Joe Meyer, Grants Chief in the Resources Management and Science Division of the National Park Service-Yosemite National Park. He gave an overview of the hydrological work efforts in the Park, including the impact of livestock in the meadows and also water storage in meadows; water quality studies including carrying capacity and wilderness water quality. Water supply is of concern in Wawona, as reduced flows in the South Fork of the Merced River have required several periods of water use restrictions, as well as in Tuolumne Meadows, where low flows of the Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River are causing concerns. Climate change impacts are seen in the receding glaciers, smaller snow packs and earlier spring run-offs. The annual California summer drought periods are statistically lasting longer and resulting in significant reduction of fuel moisture levels. Aquatic species including the Yosemite toad and the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog are dependent on healthy meadows, lakes and streams, as are the many other diverse species that live in the Park. Consequently, meadow restoration is an important focus for funding future work. Joe completed his presentation by discussing the Rim Fire and the observed effects on the fire's progress where managed burns have been allowed. Questions were asked and answered during Joe's discussion.

6. Plan Document Overview-Table of Contents and Region Description Discussion: Sachi reviewed the draft Table of Contents, which follows the DWR guidelines for IRWM plans, and summarized each section. She then discussed some of the draft figures (maps) that have been developed for the Region Description section and answered group member questions regarding the information presented.

7. Resource Management Strategies (RMS) Discussion: Sachi described the draft Y-M RMS, which are based on the six management outcomes in the 2009 Update of the California Water Plan for which a number of RMS can be applied. The section includes individual strategy definitions and how they may or may not apply to our region.

8. Objectives and Priorities: The goals, objectives and priorities have been summarized on a table for input and consideration by the group. Much discussion followed about the goal topics and language, as well as the specific goals and objectives listed. Then the levels of Importance and Urgency were discussed for most of the goals listed, with each attendee providing comments. A sub-committee was formed to further refine the draft objectives, including Kristen Boysen, Bill Downey, Hicham Eltal, Donn Harter, Mark Rowney and Pat Garcia. A meeting date and time will be set soon.

9. Wrap up and Reminders: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2013. As a reminder, the November-December meeting will be held on December 4, 2013. The attendees were asked to turn in their in-kind sheets to Pat, as well as signing in on the attendance list.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Submitted by: _____ Pat Garcia _____ Date Approved: ___ October 23, 2013 _____

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA (Y-M)
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)

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Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)

Mariposa County Water Agency

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Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)

Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)

Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company

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Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Govt. (MERG)

Merced Irrigation District (MID)

Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)

Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)

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Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)

Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board

Representative Present

Barry Brouillette

Candy O'Donel-Browne

Donn Harter

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Roy Leach

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Hicham Eltal

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Ellie Dusté

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP).

Guests: Melissa Odell-Point Blue Conservation Service, Cliff Raley-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Robyn Smith-USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sarah Williams-Mariposa County Planning Director.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:05 AM by Jodie, who asked for introductions including name, organization and to name a one irritating bad habit of other drivers. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance, as well as their on-going participation and contributions to this process.
- The September meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. There were none at this time.

3. Member Updates: Pat mentioned the upcoming RCD Annual Native Plant Sales on 10/26 in Mariposa and on 11/2 in Coulterville. She also introduced the newest RWAC member, Merced Irrigation District, represented by Hicham Eltal. Bill reported on the Yosemite Area Audubon meeting

with a presentation by Mike Sutton, Chair of the California Fish & Wildlife Commission, who mentioned Prop. 84 funds being available for wildlife habitat restoration. Anna responded that Prop. 84 includes funds for many programs in addition to the IRWM projects. Jodie said she is facilitating a Fish & Wildlife meeting on the State Wildlife Action Plan in Fresno tomorrow evening. Karen reported on her attendance at the DWR Strategic Plan meeting in Clovis on October 17. Hicham made additional comments about that session. Anna distributed the list of the DWR recommended awards for Round 2 Implementation grants and a list of anticipated remaining balances by region. She then provided an explanation of the information provided. Holly commented on the ongoing work to develop the Midpines Community Plan and the upcoming forums, Midpines Conservations, on 10/26 and 11/2. Steve mentioned the passage of AB 240 and the anticipated impact to mutual private water companies.

4. Member Highlight: Lake Don Pedro Community Services District: Ralph Felix presented an informative overview of the Lake Don Pedro CSD operations, illustrated with PowerPoint slides. He discussed background and history, the structure of the district management, the geographic areas served, operational focus, issues and challenges, current projects and future plans. He described the pumping, treatment and distribution processes. Questions were asked by the members and answered by Ralph.

5. Land and Water Use Planning: Sachi introduced Sarah Williams, Mariposa County Planning Director, and the purpose of her overview of the local planning ordinances, policies and processes. Sarah illustrated her presentation with PowerPoint slides and began by introducing the Planning Agency structure and responsibilities, especially in reference to the County General Plan. She described the General Plan elements, structure and implementation. She discussed land use planning and zoning and then elaborated on water-specific policies. She completed her overview by discussing county codes, the Williamson Act and opportunities for public participation. Questions were asked and answered.

6. Plan Documents: Sachi gave a brief update on the Objectives Subcommittee work in progress. Their recommendations will be reviewed at the next meeting. She discussed the plan preparation process, including the review of each section as it is drafted and suggested that the group may choose to designate another subcommittee specifically for Plan Review. Discussion about the draft Region Description followed as Sachi went through each section and map figure included in the document. Sachi commented on the upcoming groundwater studies that are in the planning stage. Each member is encouraged to review the document thoroughly and submit detailed feedback to Pat by November 15, who will combine and forward the responses to K/J. Pat will resend the document so that members can reply to her email address.

7. Wrap up and Reminders: The November and December meetings will be combined and held on December 4, 2013. The attendees were asked to turn in their in-kind sheets to Pat, as well as signing in on the attendance list.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: December 4, 2013

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)

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Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association

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Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)

Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Staff: Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Sean Maguire-K/J, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP).

Guests: David Greenwood-Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cliff Raley-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest, Citizens: Bob Stark, Steve Saunders-Catheys Valley, Art Laursen-Greeley Hill, Jim Nicols-Mariposa, Johnnie Phillips-Catheys Valley, Steve Radanovich, Jesse Beringer, Sophie Eason, Jim Eason, Sandy, Joe, Karen Bree-by phone.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 10:05 AM by Jodie, who gave an overview of the RWAC's history and purpose for the benefit of the guest attendees. She then asked for introductions including name, organization, if applicable, and to name a favorite Thanksgiving dinner food item. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance, and especially welcomed the guests attending as a result of receiving the public outreach mailer that was recently delivered.
- The October meeting summary was approved by consensus.

Representative Present

Barry Brouillette

Candy O'Donel-Browne

Donn Harter

(none)

John Carrier

Mark Rowney

Glenn Franklin

Carmel Lozano

Roy Leach

Len McKenzie

Brian Kelly

Steven Wright

Ron Terry

Mary Snyder

Anne Steed

Holly Warner

Ed Temple

Barry Green

Bill Downey

Ellie Dusté

Robyn Smith

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. Several questions were asked by the guests and answered by the members and staff.

3. Member Updates: Steve said that PBMWC spent \$11,000 to repair and upgrade a well pump and piping. Mark reported that MPUD has started their brush mastication project around the Stockton Creek reservoir to reduce fire risk and add hiking trails. David gave an update on BLM work that is fairly quiet, while waiting for the federal budget to be passed. Kelly said that the MID situation is challenging with the low water levels due to the previous dry winters. Cliff mentioned the post-fire timber salvage work plans by the National Forest Service.

4. Member Highlight: Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company: Roy presented an overview of the mutual water company, beginning with a display of the company website: mariposapineswater.webs.com. The company started in the 1970's with one tank and has since grown along with the subdivision and has made improvements along the way. A generator was installed in 2003 for use during power outages and to ensure water availability for fire suppression. Repairs are made as needed; especially when breaks or root damage provide "opportunities" to access the infrastructure. An Operations Plan will be developed to accompany the existing Emergency Operations Plan. Questions were asked by the members and answered by Roy.

5. Outreach Committee Updates: Pat reported that the mailer was sent to all residents, businesses and post office boxes within the region, although some areas, e.g., North County, report not having yet received them. Thanks were given to the committee members and the K/J staff for a fine product. The committee will meet after the RWAC meeting to work on the schedule for the rest of the Public Outreach meetings. She gave a brief overview of the proposed meetings purpose for the guests. Pat attended the Mariposa Indian Council meeting on 11/7/13. Scott Carpenter of Interresources has been subcontracted through K/J to hold 1 or 2 workshops for those with tribal interests. Also, a short article on Y-M IRWM progress was submitted for publication to the Mariposa Gazette.

6. Plan Documents:

A. Prioritization of Objectives: Sachi gave an overview of the goals and objectives development effort to date. An extensive discussion about the prioritization of the goals and objectives based on importance and urgency followed. Comments and change recommendations were noted, which will be incorporated into the draft document.

B. Regional Description: Sachi gave an update on the development of Section 2: Regional Description and the comments that were submitted and are being incorporated into the draft.

C. Introduction to Existing and Future Conditions: The draft of Section 3 was displayed as a PowerPoint presentation, with Sachi and Sean highlighting the main points included. The draft document (currently over 50 pages) will be posted on the website soon, with a request for input and comments from all. Also, survey information was requested from the operators of community water systems for inclusion.

7. Introduction to Project Submittals and Evaluation Criteria: Sean introduced the topic of projects and evaluation for submission. The 2-step IRWM process is to include projects in the IRWM Plan, and then to submit projects to DWR for implementation grant funds. After completing the regional background information, the focus of our work will be on the projects, which optimally have multiple benefits and meet multiple goals and objectives. K/J has developed materials for consideration by the Project Evaluation Committee members: Kristen Boysen, Kevin Cann/John Carrier, Glenn Franklin, Len McKenzie, Peter Rei, Mark Rowney and Ed Temple, who plan to meet before the next RWAC meeting.

8. Wrap up and Reminders: The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2014, and will include guest speakers Dr. John Suen and Ken Schmidt. The attendees were asked to turn in their in-kind sheets to Pat.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: January 22, 2014

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA (Y-M)
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2014
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Representative Present

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)	Barry Brouillette
Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association	Donn Harter
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	(none)
Mariposa County Water Agency	(none)
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	Mark Rowney
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)	Glenn Franklin
Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company	Carmel Lozano
“	Roy Leach
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Govt. (MERG)	Len McKenzie
“	Rosemarie Smallcombe
Merced Irrigation District (MID)	Marco Bell
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)	(none)
Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)	(none)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Holly Warner
“	Ed Temple
Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)	Karen Glendenning
“	Barry Green
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Bill Downey

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	Ellie Dusté
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service	Robyn Smith

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sean Maguire-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Ken Schmidt-Kenneth Schmidt Associates.

Guests: Jesse Beringer, Heather Bernikoff-District 3 Planning Commissioner, Elissa Brown-Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Kris Casto, Gary Colliver, Dave Conway, Brian Foucht, Sarah Williams-Mariposa Co. Planning Dept., George Chynoweth, Rita & Tony Kidd, Ann and Ralph Mendershausen, Sue Overstreet-UMRWC, Peter Rei-Mariposa Co. Public Works, Dr. John Suen-CSU-Fresno.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 9:30 AM by Jodie. She asked for introductions including name, organization (if applicable) and for each attendee to name something that they would never do. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their attendance and specifically welcomed some of the former members of the IRWM plan development process.
- The December meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. Kris offered to assist with coordination of public outreach meetings in District 3.

3. Member Updates: Glenn reported plans to update the RCD strategic plans and his upcoming attendance at the national RCD (NACD) conference in Anaheim. Robyn gave an update on available USDA-NRCS grant programs for local water quality and quantity projects related to agriculture, conservation planning, as well as rangeland and forest management. Marco introduced himself as the new representative from MID. Ed reported on a new project that the UMRWC is undertaking with the county and also Merced Community College to fund vegetation management on property in Midpines. Barry reported that the EDC is working on approval to pursue grant funds for energy generation and conservation in Mariposa County. Anna commented that DWR received news of cap and trade funds that will be used for water conservation projects to reduce greenhouse gases. Mark reported that a 5-year draft permit is needed for wastewater treatment; completing the brush mastication project on the Stockton Creek Preserve; rebuilding the gauging station at Saxon Creek and developing drought plans for this season as needed. Karen said that it is taking longer to pump up water from their well.

4. Groundwater Flow and Supply in Fractured Rock Terrain: Jodie introduced Dr. John Suen, who gave a brief autobiography. He said that his presentation would be like a lecture to students, but without a test at the end. He began with the general hydrology of this area of California and an explanation of fractured rock characteristics. He described how they are analyzed, that they occur in zones which can be identified and how sustainability can be determined or at least estimated. He briefly described hydraulic tomography as an analytical tool and utilizing isotope tracer studies to determine the source and age of water and to determine the relative angles of fracture sets. He ended by acknowledging his teachers and mentors. Questions were asked by the attendees and answered by Dr. Suen.

5. Overview of Groundwater Study: Jodie introduced Ken Schmidt who is subcontracted through K/J to perform some groundwater studies, the results of which will be summarized in the Y-M IRWM Plan. After a brief self-introduction, he gave an overview of the main components of the studies: analyzing the drillers' logs from DWR for statistics and graphs on well depth and airlift yield, well water quality studies in 5 or 6 study areas and the water budget. In the mountains, this "budget" is based on re-charge, as there is little groundwater storage for the surface water from precipitation on the watersheds. Questions were asked and answered.

6. Outreach Committee Update: Deferred due to available time.

7. Plan Documents:

A. Draft Project Evaluation Criteria and Process: Sean distributed the DWR guideline references for the Project Review Process and explained the 2-step process for project inclusion in the Plan and then submitting applications for implementation funds from DWR. He introduced the Project Scoring Process and Criteria document and Draft Project Information Form that the Project Evaluation Committee vetted and revised in a separate meeting.

B. Draft Project Submittal Form: Sean then reviewed the submittal form for individual project ideas to be considered for inclusion in the plan. Working sessions for help with completing the forms will be scheduled as needed. After the project ideas are submitted, we may schedule a time for presentations of the projects for the other members. The Project Evaluation Committee will score the projects based on the agreed evaluation criteria. The group agreed by consensus to approve the Project Scoring Process and Criteria and Draft Information Form documents with the agreed minor updates.

C. Plan Section Status: An updated Monthly RWAC Meeting Topics summary table was distributed. Anna gave an update on Implementation Round 2 awards and the impact of the final award decision on remaining funds which, she reported, did not affect our funding region.

8. Wrap up and Reminders: The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2014.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: February 26, 2014

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA (Y-M)
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)
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 Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association
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Representative Present

Barry Brouillette
 Candy Odonel-Browne
 Donn Harter
 (none)
 John Carrier
 Kevin Cann
 (none)
 Glenn Franklin
 Carmel Lozano
 Rosemarie Smallcombe
 Marco Bell
 Steve Wright
 Ron Terry
 Susan Hamilton
 Kristen Boysen
 Holly Warner
 Ed Temple
 Karen Glendenning
 Barry Green
 Bill Downey

Partners:

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 USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Ellie Dusté
 Robyn Smith

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Sarah Laybourne-K/J, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Melissa Odell-Point Blue Conservation Science.

Guests: Cody Bear-Sierra Water Workgroup (SWWG), Gary Colliver, Gavin Fieger-SWWG, Don Florence-Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services (OES), Alan Gallegos-US Forest Service (USFS), Liz Mansfield-SWWG, Ed Mee-Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee, Peter Rei-Mariposa Co. Public Works, Gene Splinder-Wawona Area Property Owners Association, Dave Smith-USFS.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 9:30 AM by Jodie. She asked for introductions including name, organization (if applicable) and for each attendee’s plans for the summer. The attendees responded.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. There were no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their continued attendance.
- The January meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comment: Jodie asked for comments. There were none at this time.

3. Member Updates: Rosemarie mentioned that the final environmental impact statement for Merced River Plan was released and made publically available on 2/14/14. Glenn gave an update on a CARCD meeting that included discussions about potential funding and also recent Williamson Act decisions. Ed reported on recent County approval of a grant to Friends of Bear Creek for an educational program. Kevin commended Ed for finding the grant opportunity. Kevin, Holly, Anna and Liz commented on the latest Water Bond language. Anna also gave an update on DWR's actions for the recently expedited drought funding. Donn reported on his Board of Directors approval for the new water storage tank.

4. Outreach Committee Update and Funding Opportunities: Pat and Sachi asked for volunteers to keep track of the various funding opportunities that become available in addition to the DWR funding. Ed Temple and Marco Bell volunteered. Sachi also talked about the accelerated funding for drought projects that is under development. Pat gave a brief update on the public outreach progress by the Public Outreach Committee. Jodie commended the team for the progress to date. In reference to education, Anna brought examples of some of the many educational materials available from DWR.

5. Sierra Water Workgroup (SWWG) Presentation: Liz Mansfield gave a brief self-introduction and also introduced Gavin Feiger and Cody Bear, all of whom work with the SWWG. Liz then gave an informative PowerPoint presentation about the mission, formation and evolution of the SWWG. She also discussed formalizing the organization in order to continue and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is being proposed. The RWAC agreed by consensus to sign the MOU. Glenn Franklin will serve as the region's representative and Barry Brouillette will serve as the alternate.

6. IRWM Plan: Project Information Form – due 3/28/14: Sachi mentioned a minor update to the Project Info Form. The new version is dated 2-25-14. She distributed copies to the group and clarified the purpose and method of completing the forms. Questions were asked and answered. Two conference call sessions will be scheduled before the deadline and a sample project info form will be distributed.

7. IRWM Plan:

A. Climate Change / Vulnerability Checklist Overview: Sachi distributed copies of the checklist and discussed the main topics to be addressed in the plan. She asked for feedback from the group on the individual items in order to correctly represent the region's vulnerability. Sachi also asked for the group's areas of interest for the upcoming presentation by Dr. Roger Bales.

B. Groundwater Study and Water Quality Sampling Update: Sachi briefly discussed the upcoming groundwater studies and directed all to let Pat know of interest, and working to be complete by April.

8. IRWM Plan:

Preparation Schedule and Sections Status, including Sections for Review and New Sections: Section 2 has been updated and posted for review, as have new Sections 5 and 6. Section 3 is under revision to incorporate the comments already received. Other sections are also in process including the relation to local planning, project selection and prioritization, impacts and benefits, the introduction, and the plan information framework. She estimates that the plan work is about 60% complete.

9. Review of Mariposa County Drought Plan: Don Florence, Mariposa County OES Emergency Planner, presented relevant information about the current state of drought. His time is now entirely focused on this event, as the severity is unprecedented. He asked that everyone with immediate impacts contact him, as he reports this local information to the state, for impact and funding considerations. He distributed several reports referencing the impact to the state, the daily Situation Brief to the State Operations Center and the Presidential White House federal drought response. When the County Drought Plan is developed and adopted, it will become part of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

10. Wrap up and Reminders: The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2014.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: March 26, 2014

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA (Y-M)
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)

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Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)

Mariposa County Water Agency

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Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)

Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCDD)

Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company

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Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Govt. (MERG)

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Merced Irrigation District (MID)

Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)

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Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)

Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)

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Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)

Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCDD, Sachi Itagaki-(by phone)-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Sarah Laybourne-K/J, Sean Maguire-K/J, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), Wendell Gilgert-(by phone)-Point Blue Conservation Science.

Guests: Katie Brown-National Park Service (NPS), Don Florence-Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services (OES), Paul Laymon-NPS, Marshall Long-citizen, Cliff Raley-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest (USFS-SNF), Dave Smith-USFS-SNF.

Representative Present

Barry Brouillette

Candy Odonel-Browne

Donn Harter (AM only)

Ralph Felix

John Carrier

Lee Stetson

Mark Rowney-by phone

Glenn Franklin

Carmel Lozano

Roy Leach

Len McKenzie

Rosemarie Smallcombe

Marco Bell

Steve Wright

Ron Terry

Kristen Boysen

Holly Warner

Ed Temple

Karen Glendenning

Bill Downey

Ellie Dusté

Robyn Smith

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 9:35 AM by Jodie. She asked for introductions including name, organization (if applicable) and whether each attendee prefers to eat Oreo cookies whole or twisted apart. The attendees responded. Three attendees' cellphones were not muted and consequently, they were asked to bring Oreos to the next meeting.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie. She specified that presentations will be limited to 10 minutes each and that the top 2 projects should be outlined, with any others listed. Two presenters were added to the published agenda: Merced Irrigation District and Point Blue Conservation Science.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their continued attendance and participation.
- The February meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comments: Jodie asked for comments. There were none at this time.

3. Member Updates: Jodie asked for member updates. There were none.

4. DWR Updates: Anna gave an update on the project solicitation package and guidelines being developed to award the recently approved \$200 million for drought project funding. She discussed the anticipated time frames and expected eligibility parameters.

5. Draft Comment Letter: Round 3 Funding and Process Improvement: Glenn discussed a support letter drafted by the Sierra Water Workgroup to send to DWR with suggestions to improve the grant solicitation and scoring process. Anna commented on the current requirements vs. changes for future funding. Other questions were asked and answered. The consensus of the group was to send the letter with a follow up report by Glenn at a subsequent meeting.

6. Project Presentations: *(these may not be inclusive of all projects that will be submitted)*

Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association: Install large water tank, drill 1 or more wells, ISO rated service link for fire hydrants

Sierra Foothill Conservancy: Bean Creek meadow restoration, Stockton Creek Preserve expansion, conservation planning, impacted watershed conservation easements

Upper Merced River Watershed Council: Fuel reduction, water quality monitoring

US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest: Fuel reduction-8 shovel ready projects, fuel reduction-future

Mariposa County Water Agency: 11 projects in Coulterville, Lake Don Pedro, Mariposa Pines and Yosemite West areas, including waste water, sewage, water treatment and secondary water sources

Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company: Replace water distribution system pipes and infrastructure

Mariposa Public Utility District: Fuel management in Stockton Creek Preserve, wastewater treatment facility improvements, Saxon Creek pump station improvements, waste water collect. system improve.

Merced Irrigation District: Lake McClure recreational projects, incl. shoreline trails and boat takeout

7. Project Presentations (continued):

Point Blue Conservation Science: Rangeland Watershed Initiative partner biologist funding

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District: New well, dead-end main replacement, new service lines, new Lake McClure intake, treatment plant pump replacement

Mariposa County Resource Conservation District: Invasive plant education & eradication, drought preparedness and education

Yosemite Alpine Community Services District: Water meter replacement, new wells and water pipes.

Yosemite Area Audubon Society: Mariposa Creek parkway extensions

Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company: Sounding tube installation, tank replacement, hazardous tree/brush removal, and install power and telephone lines to water tanks

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: Private land water storage improvement assistance

Economic Development Corporation of Mariposa County: Mariposa biomass/biochar facility

National Park Service: Wawona: supplemental water source, wastewater treatment facility rehabilitation

American Indian Council of Mariposa County: Bear Creek tribal water storage project, Mariposa Creek native plant restoration and education, Wawona invasive plant eradication/native plant enhancement

Disadvantaged Communities project: Water & energy efficiency incentives assistance program

8. Wrap up and Reminders: The proposal due date, originally scheduled for 3/28/14, was extended until Monday, 3/31/14 at noon. The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2014. Due to the scheduled presentation by Dr. Roger Bales at 12:30, the meeting will begin at 12:00 noon and end by 3:30 PM. The May meeting will be held at the MPUD fire station on Highway 49 North.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: April 23, 2014

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INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Location: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)
Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)
Mariposa County Water Agency
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)
Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Govt. (MERG)

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Merced Irrigation District (MID)
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)
Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)
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Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Sarah Laybourne-K/J, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP).

Guests: Roger Bales-Professor, UC Merced, Wendy Brown-citizen, Gary Colliver-citizen, Len DeJoria-Mariposa Co. Fire Chief, Tom DeVries-citizen, Brian Foucht-Mariposa Co. Planning Department, Melissa Odell-Point Blue Conservation Science, Cliff Raley-US Forest Service-Sierra National Forest (USFS-SNF), Peter Rei-Mariposa Co. Department of Public Works, Steve Smallcombe-citizen, Gene Spindler-Wawona Area Property Owners Association.

Representative Present

(none)
Donn Harter
Ralph Felix
John Carrier
Mark Rowney
Glenn Franklin
Carmel Lozano
Len McKenzie
Rosemarie Smallcombe
Hicham Eltal
Ron Terry
Kristen Boysen
Holly Warner
Ed Temple
Karen Glendenning
Bill Downey

Ellie Dusté
Robyn Smith

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 12:10 PM by Jodie. She asked for introductions including name, organization (if applicable) and each attendee's summer plans. The attendees responded. Jodie commended Carmel for bringing Oreos and assessed the other members who were supposed to bring Oreos to this meeting, to bring a double Oreos for the next meeting.
- The agenda was reviewed by Jodie.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their dedicating their time to this process.
- The March meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comments: Jodie asked for comments. There were none at this time.

3. Member Updates: Jodie asked for member updates. Ed mentioned that the UMRWC has been awarded a Rose Foundation grant for a Fuels Reduction project. Kristen announced the SFC fund raising dinner that will be held in Clovis on May 17.

4. DWR Updates: Anna reported on the plans for the drought funding workshops and commented on some of the ongoing discussions regarding specific requirements, including consideration of individual regional circumstances. Anticipated timeframes were also discussed.

5. Climate Change: Sachi distributed the latest draft of the Climate Change Vulnerability Checklist and explained the format and content of the document. Comments are due back by May 9. Sachi introduced Dr. Roger Bales of UC Merced. He gave a brief self-introduction, and then provided valuable and relevant information about climate basics, research findings relating to water balance, water and forest management and securing the future. This information was supported by a PowerPoint slide show posted at: <http://www.mcrd.net/Pages/IRWMFiles.aspx>. Questions were asked and answered.

6. Project Evaluation Committee (PEC): Sachi distributed the results of the PEC project review, explaining the purpose of the process and the subsequent scores. Discussion followed. The consensus of the group was to accept the results of the PEC scoring process, with the amendment of updating the title of project 41 to include water storage, and to include all of the submitted projects in the Plan.

7. Drought Funding: Materials were distributed to support the discussion about applying for the new round of drought funding. Eligible project types, project scoring considerations specific to this round and funding region fund balances were covered. Fiscal agent and project proponent responsibilities, and plan development schedule acceleration were also discussed. A subsequent meeting is planned for April 30, to consider applicable projects and make a recommendation to the RWAC whether to pursue the DWR drought funding applications. In addition, the group consensus was to submit comments in response to the draft Project Solicitation Package and Guidelines before the May 15 deadline.

8. Additional Funding Options Update: Sachi distributed a matrix that outlined other drought funding opportunities with different parameters than the Prop 84 funds that we have been considering. Some of the submitted projects may be a better fit with some of those opportunities. Ed has located 5 or 6 opportunities and will send them to Pat for posting and/or distribution to the group in a matrix format.

9. IRWM Plan: Sachi outlined Kennedy/Jenks' progress on the plan development. They are currently working on Section 1-Introduction and Section 4-Land Use Planning. Overall, about 2/3 of the sections are complete or in planning. They are also working on Project Review to culminate the work on project submittals and evaluation. The next large section is the Implementation Framework which includes future governance and financing. The groundwater studies and sampling are underway with funding for additional sampling areas still available, especially in the area of Catheys Valley.

10. Future Governance: Jodie led an introductory overview of different of IRWM governance structure models. As the current MOU will expire with the adoption of the Plan, a decision must be made about what kind of governance the Yosemite-Mariposa Region will adopt going forward. The Governance Committee will reconvene and present recommendations at a subsequent meeting. The PowerPoint examples are posted on the Supplemental materials page: <http://www.mcrd.net/Pages/IRWMFiles.aspx>.

11. Wrap up and Reminders: The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2014, at 9:30 AM. That meeting will be held at the MPUD fire station at 5273 Highway 49 North, Mariposa, CA 95338.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: May 28, 2014

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**YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA (Y-M)
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM)
Regular Meeting of the Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)
MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Location: Mariposa Public Utility District Fire Station
 5273 Highway 49 North, Mariposa CA 95338

Attendance:

Member Agency/Organization

Representative Present

Economic Development Corp of Mariposa Co. (EDC)	Barry Brouillette
Fish Camp Fire Rescue Association	Donn Harter
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD)	(none)
Mariposa County Water Agency	John Carrier
Mariposa Public Utilities District (MPUD)	Mark Rowney
Mariposa Co. Resource Conservation District (MCRCDD)	Glenn Franklin
Mariposa Pines Mutual Water Company	(none)
Mariposans for the Environment & Responsible Govt. (MERG)	Len McKenzie
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Merced Irrigation District (MID)	(none)
Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company (PBMWC)	(none)
Sierra Foothill Conservancy (SFC)	Kristen Boysen
Upper Merced River Watershed Council (UMRWC)	Holly Warner
“	Ed Temple
Yosemite Alpine Community Services District (YACSD)	Karen Glendenning
Yosemite Area Audubon Society (YAAS)	Bill Downey

Partners:

Mariposa Co. Water Agency Advisory Board	(none)
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service	(none)

Staff: Anna Aljabiry-Department of Water Resources (DWR), Pat Garcia-MCRCDD, Sachi Itagaki-Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (K/J), Sarah Laybourne-K/J, Jodie Monaghan-Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP).

Guests: Charles Mosher-Mariposa Co. Heath Department, Peter Rei-Mariposa Co. Department of Public Works.

1. Welcome:

- The meeting was convened at 9:35 PM by Pat. She asked for introductions including name, organization (if applicable) and where each person attended high school. The attendees replied.
- The agenda was reviewed with no changes or additions.
- Welcoming remarks: Pat thanked everyone for their on-going participation.
- The April meeting summary was approved by consensus.

2. Public Comments: Dr. Mosher commented about participating on a task force to oversee the transfer of the drinking water program from Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board and a resulting focus on the mountain sources of drinking water.

3. Member Updates: Rosemarie commented on the recently completed Avoided Costs Analysis in the Upper Mokelumne Watershed and the economic impacts of catastrophic fires. Barry mentioned his concerns about the legality of slowing water flow to allow more percolation into the soils. Glenn commented on the upcoming Sierra Water Workgroup conference in June. He also discussed a draft letter forwarded by the Sierra Business Council supporting Sierra Nevada community issues in the upcoming Water Bond proposals. The consensus of the group was to send a personalized support letter

from the RWAC. Ed mentioned the Watershed Council's fuel reduction project and a recent donation of 2,000 hours of labor to assist in the project. Pete said that the County Supervisors mentioned concerns about the timing of the drought round application at yesterday's meeting.

4. DWR Updates: Anna reported that the public comments on the Drought PSP and 2014 Guidelines were reviewed, but it is unlikely that there will be any significant changes to the draft documents. They will be reviewed by management on Tuesday, June 3, and the resulting final documents will be posted. She also said that plan reviews by DWR are taking about 50-60 days for completion and further discussed the potential timeframe deadlines.

5. DWR Workshop Report: Glenn reported that he and Pat attended the Fresno workshop and mentioned the similarities of the concerns that have been expressed by the other regions.

6. Drought Funding Special Meeting Report: Pat said that 7 projects were presented at the meeting on 5/21. All projects were valuable and relevant. After discussion of the drought funding parameters and scoring, the resulting decision was that county water system projects in Coulterville and Yosemite-West, and also water system projects in Fish Camp, were the most viable for this round. The anticipated timeframes were reviewed for better understanding by the RWAC and to address the supervisors' concerns.

7. Governance Discussion: Pat reported that part of the Governance Committee met with Sachi and Jodie and discussed the options for a future governance structure. The recommendation is that considering a JPA is not necessary at this time and to update the current MOU, as it has worked well for us thus far. Len revised the document to reflect the plan maintenance and implementation phase and the new goals were inserted. Draft copies were distributed. Sachi distributed the draft Section 9: Implementation Framework, with focused discussion on the task responsibilities described in Table 9-1, and the Plan Updates and Changes section 9.7. It was agreed that continuing work by sub-committees is an effective plan. Options for financial support for administrative functions were considered. There was also discussion about whether plan proponents would be required to join the RWAC, with resulting language of 'strong encouragement to join' to be included. Other questions were asked and answered.

8. Accelerated Plan Schedule: Jodie asked for the group's consensus to continue with the plan acceleration in view of the fact that there are several viable projects that have a good chance of being submitted by the DWR deadline. The group agreed. Pat provided a draft resolution to adopt the Plan.

9. IRWM Plan: Sachi said that only Section 10: Coordination, remains to be completed. She proposed the timeframe of having the draft completed by the week of 6/16, with a 1 week review period for final comments. The K/J team would then have about a week to finalize the plan for submittal on July 1. The expected DWR and public comment review periods and the due date for the final adopted plan in respect to a possible award date were reviewed and the adoption and amendment processes were clarified. Sachi gave an overview of the groundwater testing and an update on the well sampling results with preliminary analysis to be included in the Plan and the remaining detail to be included as an appendix. She also mentioned future work on an infrastructure survey of the smaller systems within the region.

10. Wrap up and Reminders: The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2014, at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, CA 95338.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Submitted by: Pat Garcia Date Approved: June 25, 2014

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Appendix 1-C

Notices of Intent to Prepare and Adopt

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NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE YOSEMITE-MARIPOSA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP TO PREPARE AN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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COUNTY OF MARIPOSA)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yosemite-Mariposa Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) intends to prepare an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan for the Yosemite-Mariposa Region of the Proposition 84 San Joaquin Funding Area. The RWMG is an organization formed by fourteen (14) water, land, and resource management agencies and organizations within the Region in association with partner entities. The IRWM Plan is being developed to address regional water resources opportunities and challenges for the areas within the Merced River Watershed, Lower Mariposa County Group of Streams Watershed, and the Chowchilla/Fresno River Watershed.

I, the undersigned, state:

I am the publisher and principal clerk of the MAI GAZETTE AND MINER, an established weekly newspaper of general circulation, within the Town and County of Mariposa of California, within the provision of Chapter 1 Division Title 1 of the California Government Code, and which newspaper has been printed and published weekly in the Town of Mariposa, County of Mariposa, State of California, continually since the year 1854; that I am a citizen of the United States over the age of 18 years, and a resident of the County aforesaid; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

Public participation and input from residents and other stakeholders is encouraged throughout the IRWM planning process, which will be continuing throughout mid to late 2014. Information related to development of the IRWM Plan and opportunities for public involvement is available at the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM website: <http://www.mcrd.net/Pages/IRWMP.aspx>.

Questions regarding the IRWM planning process should be directed to Pat Garcia at mcrd@sti.net.

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature (R.D. Tucker, Publisher)

Date

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COUNTY OF MARIPOSA)

Notice of Intent of the Yosemite-Mariposa Regional Water Management Group to Adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

I, the undersigned, state:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Yosemite-Mariposa Regional Water Advisory Committee (RWAC) and Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) will release a Public Review Draft Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan for the Yosemite-Mariposa Region of the Proposition 84 San Joaquin River Funding Area during the week of 16 June 2014. Comments are due 27 June 2014 and the final IRWM Plan will be adopted in July through early September 2014 by the RWMG. The RWMG is an organization formed by fourteen (14) water, land, and resource management agencies and organizations within the Region. The Plan was developed to identify and address regional water resources opportunities and challenges for the areas within the Merced River Watershed, Lower Mariposa County Group of Streams Watershed, and the Chowchilla/Fresno River Watershed.

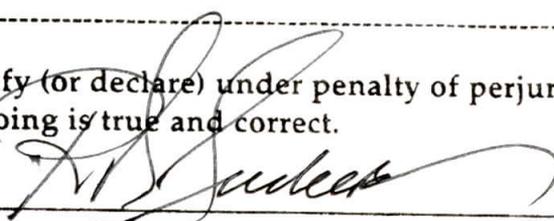
Review and input from residents, agencies, and other stakeholders are encouraged for the Public Review Draft IRWM plan. Location of hard-copies of the Public Review Draft IRWM Plan, a downloadable pdf, and other information related to development of the IRWM Plan is available at the Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM website: <http://www.mrcrd.net/Pages/IRWMP.aspx>.

Questions regarding the IRWM planning process should be directed to Pat Garcia at mrcrd@sti.net or (209) 966-3431.

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Signature (R.D. Tucker, Publisher)

Date 7/3 2014

Appendix 3-A

CDPH Regulated Community Water Systems

Appendix 3-A: CDPH Regulated Community Water Systems

#	Water System Name	Permanent/ Non-Permanent	Fed/ State Type	Wells	Water Source (Groundwater/ Surface Water)	Population Served	Service Connections	Service Area
1	CDF & FP - MT. BULLION	Permanent	C	6	GW	110	9	Institution
2	YOSEMITE RIDGE RESORT	Permanent	C	1	GW	45	35	Mobile Home Park
3	YOSEMITE WESTLAKE MOBILE ESTATES	Permanent	C	1	GW	40	52	Mobile Home Park
4	WAMPUM HILL TRAILER VILLAGE	Permanent	NC	3	GW	70	35	Mobile Home Park
5	YOSEMITE NPS- YOSEMITE VALLEY	Permanent	C	3	GW	1000	235	Recreation
6	FISHCAMP MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	Permanent	C	4	GW	200	76	Residential
7	MARIPOSA PINES MUTUAL	Permanent	C	2	GW	168	84	Residential
8	MPWD- COULTERVILLE CSA 1	Permanent	C	1	GW	165	95	Residential
9	PONDEROSA BASIN MUTUAL WTR CO	Permanent	C	7	GW	665	313	Residential
10	WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS	Permanent	C	2	GW	55	26	Residential
11	YOSEMITE NPS - EL PORTAL	Permanent	C	6	GW	635	235	Residential
12	YOSEMITE WEST WATER SYSTEM	Permanent	C	1	GW	300	143	Residential
13	Lake Don Pedro CSD	Permanent	C	1	SW	3240	1417	Residential
14	YOSEMITE ALPINE CSD	Permanent	NC	2	GW	50	36	Residential
15	MCCLURE BOAT CLUB, INC.	Permanent	C	0	SW	48	68	Mobile Home Park
16	MARIPOSA PUBLIC UTILITY DIST	Permanent	C	3	SW	2000	678	Residential
17	YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - WAWONA	Permanent	C	0	SW	150	150	Residential
18	BUCK MEADOWS LODGE- YOSEMITE WESTGATE	Non-Permanent	NC	2	GW	25	12	Hotel/Motel
19	CEDAR LODGE RESORT	Non-Permanent	NTNC	9	GW	25	10	Hotel/Motel

#	Water System Name	Permanent/ Non-Permanent	Fed/ State Type	Wells	Water Source (Groundwater/ Surface Water)	Population Served	Service Connections	Service Area
20	DELAWARE NORTH PARKS SERVICES AT TENAYA	Non-Permanent	NTNC	3	GW	300/900	3	Hotel/Motel
21	MUIR LODGE	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	50	7	Hotel/Motel
22	THE COTTAGES AT TENAYA LODGE	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	300	26	Hotel/Motel
23	YOSEMITE VIEW LODGE	Non-Permanent	NC	4	GW	26	7	Hotel/Motel
24	MARIPOSA INDUSTRIAL PARK WATER COMPANY	Non-Permanent	NTNC	1	GW	25	6	Industrial/ Agricultural
25	TAVIS CORPORATION	Non-Permanent	NTNC	2	GW	40	8	Industrial/ Agricultural
26	BLM-BRICEBURG WATER SYSTEM	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	25	2	Recreation
27	CAMP CHILNUALNA WATER SYSTEM	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	28	12	Recreation
28	MCPR-WOODLAND PARK	Non-Permanent	NTNC	1	GW	100	2	Recreation
29	MCPR-CATHEY S VALLEY PARK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	250	4	Recreation
30	MCPR-HORNITOS CO. PARK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	25	3	Recreation
31	MCPR-RED CLOUD PARK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	25	1	Recreation
32	MID - BARRETT COVE	Non-Permanent	NC	2	GW	892	265	Recreation
33	MID -HORSESHOE BEND REC AREA	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	323	23	Recreation
34	MID-BAGBY RECREATION AREA	Non-Permanent	NC	2	GW	30	1	Recreation
35	OUTWARD BOUND WILDERNESS	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	50	4	Recreation
36	SAVAGES TRADING POST	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	30	13	Recreation
37	SHORE FUN R.V. PARK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	60	16	Recreation
38	SUMMERDALE CAMPGROUND	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	150	6	Recreation
39	USFS - DRY GULCH/DIRT FLAT CAMPGROUND	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	55	4	Recreation
40	YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - BRIDALVEIL CRK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	450	1	Recreation
41	YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK-BADGER PASS	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	1000	5	Recreation
42	YOSEMITE NPS-CRANE FLAT	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	500	10	Recreation

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43	YOSEMITE NPS-VOGELSANG	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	150	2	Recreation
44	NORTH WAWONA ESTATES (B SYSTEM)	Non-Permanent	NC	2	GW	102	31	Residential
45	NORTH WAWONA PARK MUTUAL (A SYSTEM)	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	50	28	Residential
46	REDWOODS MAIN WATER SYSTEM	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	54	24	Residential
47	YOSEMITE NPS-ARCH ROCK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	200	3	Residential
48	YOSEMITE RESORT PROPERTIES	Non-Permanent	NC	2	GW	9	27	Residential
49	GREELEY HILL SQUARE - GOLD RUSH CHARTER	Non-Permanent	NTNC	1	GW	60	1	School
50	JACK BOYD SCHOOL	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	150	9	School
51	MUSD - CATHEYS VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Non-Permanent	NTNC	1	GW	80	1	School
52	MUSD - MARIPOSA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	Non-Permanent	NTNC	2	GW	260	1	School
53	MUSD - SPRING HILL HIGH SCHOOL	Non-Permanent	NTNC	1	GW	93	1	School
54	MUSD - WOODLAND ELEMENTERAY SCHOOL	Non-Permanent	NTNC	2	GW	455	1	School
55	MUSD - COULTERVILLE - GREELEY HILL SCHOOL	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	37	1	School
56	BOOTJACK STOMPERS HALL	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	60	1	Transient
57	INDIAN FLAT R V PARK AND CAMPGROUND	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	100	53	Transient
58	KOA CAMPGROUND	Non-Permanent	NC	3	GW	250	59	Transient
59	LDS CHURCH	Non-Permanent	NC	2	GW	65	1	Transient
60	MARIPOSA DISTRICT FAIRGROUND	Non-Permanent	NC	3	GW	7500	8	Transient
61	MARIPOSA LUTHERAN CHURCH	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	100	1	Transient
62	MCPR - DARRAH SCHOOL PARK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	50	2	Transient

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63	M CPR-MIDPINES PARK	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	50	3	Transient
64	NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	130	1	Transient
65	REDWOODS 70'S WATER SYSTEM	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	50	15	Transient
66	SEVEN DAY ADVENTIST CAMP	Non-Permanent	NC	3	GW	338	35	Transient
67	WHITE CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE	Non-Permanent	NC	1	GW	75	31	Transient
68	YOSEMITE BUG HOSTEL	Non-Permanent	NC	2	GW	120	21	Transient
69	MID - MC CLURE POINT REC AREA	Non-Permanent	NC	2	SW	332	2	Recreation
70	MID - MC SWAIN REC AREA	Non-Permanent	NC	3	SW	323	2	Recreation
71	YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - GLACIER POINT	Non-Permanent	NC	0	SW	3000	6	Recreation
72	YOSEMITE NPS- MAY LAKE CAMP	Non-Permanent	NC	0	SW	300	2	Recreation
73	YOSEMITE NPS- MERCED LAKE CAMP	Non-Permanent	NC	0	SW	150	2	Recreation
74	YOSEMITE NPS- SUNRISE HI	Non-Permanent	NC	0	SW	150	3	Recreation
75	YOSEMITE NPS - VERNAL FALLS	Non-Permanent	NC	0	SW	3000	2	Transient