



PAC Meeting Notes

East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Subject:	Public Advisory Committee Meeting No. 3	Attendees: Jim Alves (City of Modesto); Patrick Koepele (Tuolumne River Trust); Kevin Kauffman (Eastside Water District); Abigail Solis (Self-Help Enterprises); Leslie Dumas, Lindsey Wilcox, Jen Kidson (RMC)
Date/Time:	August 28, 2017 / 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	
Location:	Conference Call/Skype Meeting 1 (929) 274-8860; Conference ID: 3731472	
Project Number:	0080-013	

1. Purpose of the Meeting

- Learn about the Stanislaus County SWRP
- Review work completed to date and outstanding action items
- Discuss OPTI and the project solicitation process
- Review Climate Change chapter
- Identify next steps and action items

2. Discussion Summary

- Lindsey provided an update on the Stanislaus County Storm Water Resources Plan.
 - Stanislaus County received a \$500,000 Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and retained RMC through a competitive process to prepare the Plan.
 - It is just getting started; there will be some overlaps and coordination with the work that we are doing for the IRWMP Update. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is being formed, which will likely have some members also involved in the IRWMP Update.
 - One item to note for those adding projects into OPTI: if you enter a stormwater project to OPTI, make sure you designate that you want the project to be in both the IRWMP and the SWRP.
 - Abigail had a clarifying question on which boxes to check – separate boxes are available to designate IRWMP, SWRP, or both.
 - Patrick asked how a project proponent would know what projects would qualify for the SWRP?
 - RMC will provide information on website or OPTI about what constitutes a stormwater project.
 - If in doubt, project proponents can check the SWRP box and the SWRP project screening process will weed it out if necessary.
 - For now, the priority is to get projects into OPTI, and if a proponent is unsure of which plans apply, they can go ahead and check both boxes.
- Lindsey gave an overview of work completed to date.
 - Noted that we are considering the PAC Roles and Responsibilities, Outreach Plan, and DAC/EDA/NA memo final.

- Abigail requested that the DAC phone call notes be sent out for the PAC's reference; RMC will send.
- Reminder of outstanding action items. If RMC has not received comments, we will assume that there aren't any. The PAC will still have a chance to provide comments on the Administrative Draft of the IRWMP when it is compiled.
- Questions and comments on OPTI and the Project Solicitation Process were solicited.
 - Lindsey summarized how solicitation was announced (public meeting, website, emails). Hughson and Tuolumne River Trust have begun adding and updating projects, among others.
 - Project solicitation began on 8/7 and will end on 9/15.
 - Kevin noted that he still plans to input projects but hasn't done it yet.
 - Patrick noted his technical issues with the summary page, which Lindsey is in the process of addressing with the OPTI specialists at RMC.
- Weighting factors for project scoring
 - Weighting factors, as discussed during the last SC and PAC meetings, will be used in the project prioritization process. The SC agreed upon weighting factors at its last SC meeting; the PAC discussed them but did not have time to agree upon weights. Instead, two PAC members provided proposed weights after the last PAC meeting. The SC is currently making edits to some of the weights in response to SC feedback. These will be reflected in the upcoming prioritization process and the approach will be described in the IRWMP Update.
 - Patrick wanted to clarify exactly what approach the SC was taking in revising the weights. Lindsey noted that it would be a subjective process, as with the rest of the weighting, but that the SC would be considering how to reflect the PAC suggestions by either increasing or decreasing the percentages and finding a 'happy medium' in some cases.
- Climate change chapter overview
 - Lindsey reviewed the Powerpoint presentation which addressed new requirements from the IRWM guidelines, climate change impacts on the region, and vulnerability assessment.
 - Kevin noted that climate change was not the most significant issue facing the region. Lindsey noted that uncertainty is an inherent element in planning for climate change effects and perhaps "significant" wasn't the appropriate way to describe the potential impacts.
 - Lindsey reviewed the Vulnerability Assessment Checklist.
 - Lindsey reviewed the Vulnerability Prioritization included in the 2013 IRWMP in which Water Supply/Quality is ranked number 1, followed by Flood Management, followed by a three-way tie of Habitats and Ecosystems, Water Demand, and Hydropower. She noted the SC's decision to move Water Demand up after Water Supply Quality. Patrick asked how the SC went about prioritizing these vulnerabilities as there is no scientific method to do so. Lindsey responded that it is certainly subjective, and based on the discussion within the SC. She also noted that this doesn't affect project prioritization or scoring. Patrick noted that although he might prioritize ecosystems and habitat more highly, that the vulnerabilities are all linked. Leslie described that this a consensus-based approach and that while you

may not completely agree with the prioritization, you are willing to accept it for the purposes of the IRWMP Update. This will all be noted in the IRWMP.

- Patrick asked about how projects are funded (as a package, or does DWR pick and choose within an application?). Leslie explained DWR’s current process and thinking, and that we won’t know for sure until the draft PSP for Prop 1, Round 1 is released which is anticipated to be in Fall/Winter 2017.
- Abigail requested clarification on why Water Demand was moved up (due to current drought?). She suggested that Water Demand and Water Supply should go together, and perhaps be tied for number one. RMC will bring that suggestion back to the Steering Committee.
- Revisions to the Climate Change chapter will reflect the discussions by the SC and PAC and the range of opinions, and interrelatedness of items.
- Kevin asked if the language in the Vulnerability Assessment Checklist was from the State. Lindsey confirmed that it is.

3. Action Items

Item No.	Responsible Party		Due Date	Task/Action Item
	Organization	Name		
1	RMC	Lindsey	8/29	Send out DAC phone call notes to PAC.
2	RMC	Lindsey	8/29	RMC to provide information on website or OPTI about what constitutes a stormwater project.
3	RMC	Lindsey	8/29	Follow up with Jeanna and Kyle on OPTI project summary issue, send notes to SC and PAC.
4	All	Lindsey	9/15	Schedule next PAC meeting.
5	PAC	All	9/8	Provide comments on Climate Change chapter and associated materials (GHG sheet, vulnerability assessment)
6	RMC	Lindsey	8/28	Follow-up with SC regarding prioritization of vulnerabilities (making Water Deman tied for no. 1 with Water Supply/Quality).

4. Next Schedule Meeting

RMC will coordinate with the SC and PAC to schedule the next meetings in September. These will be face-to-face and focus on project integration and prioritization.