



Meeting Minutes

East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Subject: Steering Committee Meeting

Prepared By: Leslie Dumas/RMC

Date/Time: June 27, 2012 / 3:00 p.m.

Location: Modesto City Offices
1010 10th Street

Attendees: Rich Ulm, Jack Bond, Jim Alves (City of Modesto); Mike Brinton (City of Ceres); Thom Clark, Dominique Spinale (City of Hughson); Mike Cooke (City of Turlock); Leslie Dumas, (RMC); Chester Anderson (East Stanislaus RCD);

Project Number: 0080-009

1. Purpose of Meeting

- Present preliminary climate change assessment
- Discuss informational needs to complete climate change vulnerability assessment and IRWMP sections on relations to local land use and water planning

2. Discussion Summary

The group discussed items as outlined in the meeting agenda and as summarized in the following sections.

2.1 Action Items Review

Several action items remained outstanding. These are as follows:

- Jim was to draft several letters to neighboring regions, including response letters to the Merced and Tuolumne-Stanislaus regions and an introduction letter to all other regions.
- Leslie still needs to contact the 3 Rivers Lodge in Manteca regarding Native American communities in the region.

Action items that were completed included the following:

- Modesto completed and resubmitted their AB1420 tables.
- The list of projects to be included in the Prop 84 Round 2 planning grant was completed.
- The test project write-up was sent to the SC.
- The SC reviewed and commented on the proposed project prioritization methodology.
- The IRWMP budget was updated.
- The scope and budget for the groundwater banking FS was completed.
- The SC confirmed how they wanted to handle grant administration for the Prop 84 planning grant.
- Projects proposed for the Prop 84 planning grant application were finalized.
- PAC member drafting is on-going.

2.2 Steering Committee Business

- Jim noted that there were several new orders of business that were coming up and needed to be addressed. These were as follows:
 1. Amendment to cost-sharing process – RMC’s contract will require a contract amendment as the existing cost estimate and contract with RMC does not incorporate changes in scope resulting from the new DWR IRWMP guidelines. The current RMC contract is for \$215,000 and we’ve requested funding to add about ~\$130,000 to cover added work needed to meet guideline requirements.
 2. As part of the IRWMP, we need to prepare a financing chapter that addresses the mechanisms for funding IRWMP implementation. This needs to be addressed by the SC too.

2.3 Outreach Update

- Jim did not have anything new to report.

2.4 Project Solicitation Update

- Project solicitation period closed on June 10th.
- We received 27 projects of which 10 are conceptual. Leslie handed out a table summarizing the projects that were submitted.
- In general, the projects met all region goals; however there were not projects that directly targeted water quality.
- The SC agreed that, for at least this first year, conducting project solicitations quarterly would be a good idea as people get to know what we’re doing. After the first year, we can switch to semi-annual and annual project solicitations.
- Leslie noted that the IRWMP will contain a section on how to update the project list (and reprioritize that list) without having to readopt the IRWMP.

2.5 Climate Change

- Leslie walked through a presentation that summarized the initial assessment of climate change on the region.
- Next steps are to conduct a vulnerability assessment. Leslie handed out an assessment form that will need to be completed and requested that each SC member fill out the requested information for their organization and send it to Leslie.
- Ceres completed their form and gave it to Jim (who will PDF it and send it to Leslie). All information to be received by July 20th.
- We will need to obtain similar information from MID and TID, in addition to the County. Assistance in completing this was requested.
- Leslie also requested that SC members send her copies of any climate change analyses they may have.

2.6 Relation to Land Use and Water Planning

- Leslie also presented the IRWMP guidelines for describing the relations between local land use planning and water planning and the IRWMP.
- Leslie presented a list of potential plans that we will need to consider and asked if anyone had any ideas of other plans that were done and should be considered.
- Leslie then passed out a survey form that will provide needed information for completion of these IRWMP sections and requested that SC members complete this form and return it to her.
- We will need to obtain similar information from MID and TID, in addition to the County. Assistance in completing this was requested.
- All responses are due back by July 20th.

3. Action Items

The following table summarizes the work completed to date, the work in progress (i.e. action items that must be completed) and work that will be completed in the future.

WORK COMPLETED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified region name • Developed regional governance structure • Identified regional boundaries • Began preparing Stakeholder Contact List • Prepared draft MOU and finalized • Reserved the City of Ceres Community Center for the 3/16 public meeting • Prepared draft public meeting presentation • Prepared notice and flyer for public meeting announcement • Prepared draft posters for public meeting • Prepared draft Roles & Responsibilities for Steering Committee and Public Advisory Committee • Prepared draft Outreach Plan • Hold first public meeting on 3/16/2011 • Prepare and submit RAP application on 4/13/2011 • Prepare for and attend RAP interview • City of Ceres, Hughson and Modesto Councils approve execution of MOU • Executed MOU • Prepared IRWM Regional website • Developed PAC/identify members • Developed SC/identify members • Conduct first ESRWGM, SC and PAC meetings • Approve final Outreach Plan • Approved letterhead • SC members have time sheets to document time spend on IRWM work • Notice of intents published in local newspapers • Regional goals and objectives completed. • Prepare timesheet for Cities to use to track time spent on IRWM process. • Complete metering certificates and AB1420 tables for grant application • Complete and submit Prop 84 Round 2 planning grant application • Complete first round of project solicitation

WORK IN PROGRESS				
Item No.	Responsible Party		Due Date	Task/Action Item
	Organization	Name		
1	Modesto	Jim Alves	2/10	Draft response to Tuolumne-Stanislaus IRWM region letter
2	Modesto	Jim Alves	2/10	Send copy of letter from Merced IRWM region to SC
3	Modesto	Jim Alves	2/10	Draft outreach letter to adjacent IRWM regions. Send to SC for review and comments
4	RMC	Leslie Dumas	3/9	Contact 3 Rivers Lodge in Manteca re: Native American communities in region
5	All	All	7/20	Complete vulnerability assessment and return to Leslie
6	All	All	7/20	Complete Relation to Land Use and Water Planning form and return to Leslie
7	All	All	7/20	Amendment to cost-sharing process
8	All	All	7/20	Ideas for methodology for IRWMP financing chapter
WORK TO BE COMPLETED				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review prioritized project list • Complete vulnerability assessment • Draft IRWMP chapters • Continue outreach to gain PAC members 				

4. Next Schedule Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on July 26, 2012 at 3 PM at a location to be announced.