



Meeting Minutes

East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update

Subject: Steering Committee Kickoff Meeting (Meeting No. 1)
Prepared By: Lindsey Wilcox / RMC
Date/Time: May 22, 2017 / 9:30 a.m.
Location: City of Ceres Community Center
2701 4th Street, Ceres, CA

Attendees: Jim Alves (City of Modesto); Mike Brinton (City of Ceres); Fallon Martin (City of Turlock); Jaylen French (City of Hughson); Walt Ward (Stanislaus County – via phone); Karen Morgan (City of Waterford); Leslie Dumas, Lindsey Wilcox (via phone), Josh Uecker, Jen Kidson (RMC)

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1. Purpose of Meeting

- Kickoff the 2017 East Stanislaus IRWMP Update with the East Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (ESIRWMP) Update Steering Committee (SC)
- Discuss major items completed since 2013
- Review Update approach and schedule
- Identify next steps and action items

2. Discussion Summary

- Leslie reviewed the PowerPoint presentation.
 - Comments and questions during presentation:
 - Walt agreed that the triangular area northeast of the Region should not be included in the East Stanislaus Region. It is in Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and Stanislaus County is working with agencies in that area as part of the SGMA effort.
 - Walt wondered how the Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant Program will fit into the ESIRWMP Update. Because the ESIRWMP Update will occur before the San Joaquin Funding Area receives its disadvantaged community (DAC) grant, then information we include in the ESIRWMP will inform the DAC involvement process (rather than the converse in which information from the grant-funded DAC Needs Assessment informs the ESIRWMP Update). It is a timing issue. The County has a database of Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs); **Walt to email information to RMC.**
 - Why did RMC's email addresses change? RMC merged with Woodard & Curran a few months ago. We are doing the same work we were doing, in the same offices, with the same staff, but we have access to a nationwide firm with other capabilities, including designers. Woodard & Curran had no west coast presence as they are an east coast based firm.
 - What is the critical path for the schedule? We need to get started on Task 4 as soon as possible in order to confirm DACs, economically distressed areas (EDAs), and Native American tribal communities and perform focused outreach, so that if they want to participate in the planning effort, they can.
- Prop 1 DAC Involvement Grant Program

- DWR has money set aside for DACs. \$3.1 million is available to the San Joaquin River Funding Area. There is no required funding match. DWR requires a DAC Needs Assessment be completed with the grant funding and with remaining dollars planning activities for DACs can be conducted. Grant funding is not for implementation of DAC projects (e.g. construction of a pipeline), but can fund planning efforts needed to get a DAC project shovel-ready and eligible for future rounds of IRWM implementation grants.
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is leading the RFP effort to retain a consultant to conduct a two-step proposal process (first complete the DAC Needs Assessment and then submit a proposal for the identified planning activities).
- Jim has been participating in DAC Involvement-related meetings with other IRWM regions in the San Joaquin Funding Area on behalf of the East Stanislaus Region. **Jim to email group information about the DAC Involvement grant program and RFP schedule.**
- Major items completed since 2013
 - We know that the 2015 Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) and Mid-San Joaquin River Flood Management Plan were completed.
 - Modesto General Plan update underway.
 - If there were others, let RMC know. **Everyone to email RMC a bulleted list of major planning efforts completed since 2013.**
 - **SC to review vision, goals and objectives from 2013 ESIRWMP prior to the June meeting.**
- ESRWMP, SC, and PAC committee format and members
 - New elected officials will be identified to serve on the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership (ESRWMP). Their responsibilities will be minimal. Jim proposes they meet twice. The planning grant proposal and therefore grant agreement noted three meetings. **SC members should start thinking about when the first ESRWMP meeting should and can happen**, as it may take up to 6 weeks to get it scheduled.
 - ESRWMP is comprised of elected officials; SC consists of agency staff members that tend to do the day-to-day work of the IRWMP Update; PAC members are other stakeholders and interested parties. Mike Willet with Patterson and a representative from Self Help Enterprises (representing DACs) previously participated on PAC; however, it was difficult to get interest and commitment of members on the PAC.
 - **RMC to draft a notice that we send to all Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and others announcing the IRWMP Update and to seek participation in PAC.**
 - All agreed to keep the same format, but combine SC and PAC meetings initially with voting and non-voting members.
- Meeting schedule and proposed dates
 - June meeting will be conducted via webinar. Future meeting dates to be determined.
 - No one had issues or comments on the meeting topics/schedule. SC agreed with conducting some meetings as conference calls/webinars.
- Next steps
 - RMC to update Ch 4 Governance, Coordination & Outreach and Ch 2 Region Description and email to SC members for review.

- RMC to send data request/questions to team.
- SC to respond to data request.
- SC to provide comments on draft updated Chapters 2 and 3 via email
- RMC to perform DAC, EDA, and Native American analysis and provide results to SC for review
- Jim to email RMC most up-to-date version of the Stakeholder List and email the SC members the links to Opti and the ESIRWM planning website.

3. Action Items

The following table summarizes the action items that must be completed by the due dates shown.

Item No.	Responsible Party		Due Date	Task/Action Item
	Organization	Name		
1	Stanislaus County	Walt Ward	5/25	Email the database of Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs)
2	Modesto	Jim Alves	5/25	Email SC members information about the DAC Involvement Grant Program.
3	All	All	5/25	Email RMC a bulleted list of major planning efforts completed since 2013 so we can make sure to include those in the IRWMP Update.
4	All	All	6/23	Review vision, goals and objectives from 2013 ESIRWMP prior to the June meeting.
5	Modesto	Jim	5/29	Think about when first ESRWGM should and can happen and coordinate with SC and RMC.
6	RMC	Jen / Lindsey	5/29	Draft a notice to send to all GSAs and others announcing the IRWMP Update and to seek participation in PAC.
7	RMC	All	6/8	update Ch 4 Governance, Coordination & Outreach and Ch 2 Region Description and email to SC members for review.
8	RMC	Jen / Lindsey	5/31	Prepare and send data request / list of questions to SC members.
9	RMC	Jen / Josh	6/5	Perform DAC, EDA, and Native American analysis and provide results to SC for review
10	Modesto	Jim Alves	5/31	Email RMC the most up-to-date version of the Stakeholder List
11	Modesto	Jim Alves	5/25	Send SC members link to Opti and the ESIRWM planning website.

4. Next Schedule Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday June 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. and will be conducted via webinar. RMC to send meeting request.