



Minutes for Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Meeting

Location: Semitropic Water Storage District's Office

Meeting Date and Time: **Tuesday, November 1st, 2016; 8:30 – 10:30 AM**

Attendees are welcome to call in to this public meeting on a conference line.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order, attendees signed in on the attendance log at the entryway.
2. **Agenda Modifications** – Item f. Discussion of the Storm Water Management Plan, was approved and added to the Agenda.
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Introductions and Recognition of Guests** – Introductions were initiated by Dana Munn, Chairman.
5. **Acceptance of previous meeting Minutes** – A typo was identified on the Previous meeting minutes. The August 31st meeting Minutes were accepted.
6. **Discussion Topics and Status Reports**

DAC Needs Assessment for Poso Creek IRWM Region – AB 1249 – The group held discussion regarding progress on the DAC Needs Assessment that was started in the summer. The draft information was utilized as scope for the Poso Creek IRWM planning grant submittal. The RWMPG discussed that any DAC related projects under consideration should be evaluated for long-term effectiveness for solution and not only short term or temporary benefit. The group recognized that many of the DAC projects are likely to be identified in the northeastern portion of the Poso Creek IRWM area. Since several of the DAC water delivery systems in the Poso Creek IRWM area have consolidated, the needs and issues are unlikely to be as severe or common to DAC issues in Tulare County.

Project Submittals and Annual Report Card – Sam Schaefer presents a handout is distributed giving a brief overview of the benefit received by the IRWM Group. An updated Historical and Active Project list is being finalized, and will be distributed for review by next meeting.

DAC Involvement Proposal – Presentation – Denise England provided a PowerPoint presentation on the structure and progress of the DAC Involvement work. Eric Quinley also provided an update and began a discussion regarding the necessity of a strong Project Advisory Committee – a key decision making group. The group agreed to consider and continue discussing the Proposal



before considering action on a letter of support at the next Poso Creek IRWM meeting.

Dan Howes, Irrigation and Training Research Center, Cal Poly, SLO – Dr. Howes provided a PowerPoint presentation on his recent research regarding estimating of actual ET. Among the topics discussed are: a brief technical overview of the technology, its scope and use in the Kern Groundwater Authority, and the receptiveness of State authorities to its use in SGMA related analysis. Dr. Howes presented on the following three topics”

The General process of Actual ET estimation for the Kern Groundwater Authority. (Not results at this time, that will be saved for a presentation to the KGA)

Findings of almond and pistachio yield vs. actual ET from the southern San Joaquin Valley.

Meter gate for SB x7-7 training to individual irrigation/water districts interested in using these devices.

Annual Budget for 2017 Activities – Sam Schaefer lead a discussion regarding the 2016 and 2017 budget. Kristin Dobbin mentioned that the Proposition 1 Grant funds, which the Group applied for in September, are expected to have more funds available than amount applied for, even if all applications are awarded. Obtaining the grant would provide the Group with funds to update the Poso Plan for Prop 1 compliance, facilitate meetings, and related Plan updating activities.

7. **Funding Opportunities**

- a. State: Prop 1 State Bond, 2015 AgWUE funds, IRWM DAC Involvement Proposal, and 2016 IRWM Planning. – The result of the DWR’s IRWM Planning grant application should be known in November.
- b. Federal: Reclamation programs: WaterSMART, CalFED, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, and Drought Bill. – FOAs to be released soon.



8. **Anticipated Action Items; additional items to be added at the workshop/meeting**

- Complete evaluation of DAC Involvement Grant Proposal and provide letter of support in time for Proposal submittal.
- Circulate the Tulare County DAC Presentation, and draft documents to the Group.
- DAC Needs Assessment to be considered as part of Poso Creek IRWM Plan Update.
- Develop 2017 proposed activities and budget.
- If awarded, respond to DWR regarding Poso Creek IRWM Planning Grant.

9. **Suggested Date and Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting:** Next scheduled date for a regular public meeting to be held is December 6th.

10. **Adjournment**

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