



Minutes for Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Meeting

Location: Semitropic Water Storage District's Office

Meeting Date and Time: **Tuesday, November 6th, 2018; Noon – 2 PM**

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

Phone (888) 806-5025 Participant Code 738207

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** - The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) may modify the regular agenda by making corrections, tabling items, adding urgency items to the agenda or changing the order in which items are considered. – Under item 6h Other items and concerns, Dana Munn suggested to discuss Buena Vista Water Storage District to participate in the Poso Creek IRWM EA for Water Banking. Also, since Stephanie Hearn needed to call-in, the order of the Agenda items shifted to accommodate her.
3. **Public Comment** - Any member of the public may address the RWMG relating to any non-agenda matter within the Poso Creek IRWM Plan Region. The RWMG is not responsible for the content or accuracy of statements made by members of the public. – None.
4. **Introductions and Recognition of Guests** – Introductions were initiated by Dana Munn.
5. **Activity Summary and Acceptance of previous meeting Minutes** – Isela Medina moved to accept the minutes with one modification noted to exchange the word in the title from Agenda to Minutes, David Hampton seconded, motion passed.
6. **Discussion Topics and Status Reports**
 - a. Budget, 2018 summary of activity – Sam Schaefer and Isela provided an update of the Group's 2018 budget. The budget for the year was \$30,000 and Semitropic WSD conducted a cash call earlier in the year. The Group's current expenditures to date are under the budget amount, however, participation in regional activity for the rest of the year is likely to cause the expenses to go over the target budget which was discussed earlier in the year as involvement in the Tulare Basing DAC Inv Study activity picked throughout the year.
 - b. Modify letter of approval naming new representation to the Project Advisory Committee for the DAC Involvement Program in the Tulare-Kern Funding Area (TKFA DACIP), administered through Tulare County – Sam Schaefer and Stephanie Hearn discussed replacing Vanessa Yap as one of the Alternates with Christine Gutierrez. Stephanie Hearn provided a summary of



activity regarding the TK DACIP PAC bi-monthly meetings including her involvement on setting the criteria for the allocated project funding, roughly \$250,000 per IRWM, and the schedule to start discussing projects in March 2019. Isela Medina moved to accept Christine Gutierrez as one of the IRWM Group PAC alternates, seconded by Dana Munn, the motion passed.

- c. Update on active projects funded in 2016, 2017, and 2018. – Sam Schaefer discussed the current list of active projects for the group and the recent need to focus on existing, active grants in able to meet reporting requirements on existing agreements. The active grant list is shown in the “Poso Creek IRWM Plan Implementation Activity and Correspondence for Aug – Oct 2018.” Further project development will happen over the next couple of meetings.
- d. DWR Draft PSP for Prop 1. – The DWR released the Draft PSP for Prop 1 that includes an intended schedule for the DWR to hold Funding Area Workshops that are intended to help with coordination among IRWM groups, and pre-application instructions. Application requirements and scoring criteria will require some time to understand with the intent to focus on this at the next meetings.
- e. Project List discussion; future IRWM funding, application in 2019. Sam Schaefer discussed the overall Poso Creek IRWM Plan Project List is in progress of being updated. Feedback will need to be obtained for specific list of projects to ensure the Plan captures everything to date.
- f. IRWM Plan Update – Schedule (DWR funding under contract with NK). The RWMG discussed the plan update schedule, originally anticipated to be completed by January 2019, with the expectation they will need a request for a time extension to finish the Plan Update by spring. It was discussed how the Plan Update has waited to utilize work developed under the GSPs that provide relevant information.
- g. Drought Contingency Plan (Pending Agreement by Reclamation through SWID) – status of work activity and schedule update. The RWMG discussed that the agreement with Reclamation still has not been signed due to concerns about the commitment of the local cost share portion to match the grant; Reclamation has requested a letter of commitment. The Group discussed this request by Reclamation to identify the cost match effort going forward and need for a decision to support the Project as a \$400,000 total cost project; 50-50 split with the \$200,000 Grant needing up to \$200,000 of local support. The RWMG voted to provide a letter of commitment that states support for funding up to \$200,000 towards the study and agreed to communicate the decision to Reclamation through the Poso Creek IRWM RWMG Chairman.



7. **Funding Opportunities**

- a. State: AgWUE funds, DAC Inv., IRWM Planning and Implementation. –

A brief update was discussed regarding ongoing funding programs with the State and the possibility of additional future funding given propositions on November's ballot.

- b. Federal: Reclamation programs: WaterSMART Drought Resiliency, District/Farmer Partnership, CalFED AgWUE, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, and WIIN. Some of the awards from 2018 applications are still in process of being signed by Reclamation. New funding opportunities will become available in early 2019.

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

- IRWM Plan Update review, report, and invoicing with DWR – A budget modification and time extension has been requested. GEI is to follow up with the DWR rep.
- Continue to coordinate with Tulare Basin Group for DAC Involvement and Needs Assessment - GEI to send in the change in assigned Alternate to serve on the Needs Assessment.
- Reclamation Agreement regarding Drought Contingency Plan – The RWMG will send a letter to the Reclamation contact in support of the funding cost match request.
- Poso Creek IRWM Plan project selection for IRWM Imp funding application – Consultants to review with the group the official process to accept projects into the Plan. Projects that made it into Storm Water Plan are to be included in list.

9. **Suggested Date and Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting:** Next scheduled date for a regular public meeting to be held December 4, 2018.

10. **Adjournment**

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