

Tulare Lake Basin Portion of Kern County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

July 28, 2014 - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Kern County Water Agency
Stuart T. Pyle Water Resources Center
3200 Rio Mirada Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Meeting Objectives:

- Funding Opportunities
- Recommendations from DWR Plan Review Process
- IRWM Plan Update

PARTICIPANTS MEETING AGENDA

- 1:00 I Welcome and Introductions – Executive Committee Chair**
Meeting purpose and agenda *A quorum of the EC was present as follows: Bill Taube, Chair, Doug Nunneley, Vice-chair, Michael James, and John Martin, alternate.*
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- 1:05 II General Information Items**
- A. Tulare Lake Regional Group - *The group did not meet in the past month*
- B. Tulare Lake DAC Study - *Provost & Pritchard will be wrapping up the study in the next couple of months.*
- C. DWR Update – Alex Vdovichenko - *DWR received 39 applications in the Emergency Drought Funding Solicitation. \$339M in funding was requested; total project costs were \$971M.*
- D. Round 2 Implementation Grant Update – KJ - *The grant agreement has been executed and work on projects has started, mainly on the design phase.*
Drought Solicitation Update – P&P - *Mike Day provided a presentation reviewing the projects included in the Kern IRWMP Drought Solicitation application.*
Participant Invoicing – KJ - *Mary Lou Cotton described the invoicing process and indicated that funds were being collected. Current balance for work provided to date for both KJ and P&P is about \$27,000. Once enough funds have been collected to cover this amount, an invoice will be generated for KCWA and EC review and approval.*
Revised/Updated Participant Funding Agreement – Lauren Bauer - *Lauren reviewed a draft of the “First Amendment to the Agreement with KCWA for IRWM Plan Management Services” and described the process for obtaining indications from all signatories that they would be willing to execute the amendment. These would be obtained by conducting a poll via email. Execution of the amendment would allow invoicing of approximately \$45,000 for continued plan management services by KJ and P&P. P&P was directed to conduct the poll; the draft is subject to review by participating agencies’ legal counsel.*
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- 1:20 III Funding Opportunities - KJ/P&P Team**
- A. [SWRCB - Interim Replacement Drinking Water for DACs, \\$4M](#)
- B. [USDA Rural Development – Water Conveyance Infrastructure Improvement](#)
- C. [CDFA – Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program - \\$10M](#)
- D. [Water Energy Draft PSP - \\$19M](#)
- E. [Update on Emergency Drought Funding Application](#)
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- 1:30 IV IRWM Plan Status – KJ**
- A. Kern IRWM Pan DWR Plan Review Recommendations – KJ and EC Members
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Mary Lou Cotton relayed the results of the DWR Plan Review Process. DWR indicated the Kern IRWMP was a good plan overall; however, the climate change section needs to be updated to include a Vulnerability Analysis (VA). This particular part of the Plan must be updated as part of the requirements of the Emergency Drought Solicitation package and is due by September 9, 2014. The VA must be reviewed and approved by the Kern IRWMP stakeholders prior to submittal. Discussion took place about how to expedite this section update. It was proposed that three drought application project proponents (Buena Vista WSD, KCWA ID4 and Arvin-Edison WSD) advance the funds to complete this section so that it can be submitted by the due date. These agencies would then be able to apply this advance funding to their respective contributions to the overall IRWM Plan update.

- B. Kern IRWM Plan Update Scope and Budget – KJ - *Mary Lou reviewed a draft scope and budget for an update of the Kern IRWMP based on the Plan Review Process and changed conditions (drought, Delta Stewardship Council Plan, BDCP, and other items to be considered). The scope contains recommendations for updating of certain sections; other sections can remain as they are. The Plan update is subject to the IRWMP participants agreeing to the amendment to the Funding Agreement, as well as collection of additional funds, estimated to be \$45,000.*

2:00 **V. Public Comment** *None*

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