

REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING
Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update

October 16, 2019

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Location: Marysville Room, Yuba County Government Center,
815 Ninth Street, Marysville, CA**

MEETING NOTES

2. On-going Yuba County Project Development/Coordination/Integration

- JoAnna: Has received questions about process, so she created a sheet to remind people what the steps are.
- First step: New project is identified. In order to be eligible for many grants, projects must be in an IRWMP. A lot of state and federal grants are requiring coordination across jurisdictions. It's a requirement of all IRWMP funding but also other programs. YWA is also developing an internal granting program, and inclusion in the IRWMP is a requirement for that as well.
- Second step: Complete a project short form. Project can be conceptual to shovel-ready or anything in between. Short form can be amended as projects evolve, but short forms should be completed for anything that's a priority.
- Circuit rides are another way to identify projects. Katie Burdick has met with stakeholders throughout the region to identify projects. The purpose of these meetings is to present projects, discuss coordination opportunities, and other topics. The maintenance of coordination is a primary purpose of circuit rides. The B&C and Cramer Fish Sciences team is conducting these meetings quarterly.
- Next step: Review short form for completeness and then forms come to RWMG. In order to submit a short form, you must be eligible to lead the project (represents an agency, non-profit, etc.)—need to be an RWMG member who can enter into contracts. If that's not the case for you or your organization, you must partner with another organization. Some groups have brought forward projects for which they cannot be lead. We want to avoid projects being put forward by entities or individuals who cannot implement projects.
- Another requirement of voting: In order to vote on projects being included in a plan (it's been done via email recently, and this process was approved at the last RWMG meeting)
- "Yes" votes are if you don't reply.
- Sign-in sheets are critical because in order to vote on project inclusion, you need to have attended the past three RWMG meetings.
- Next quarter we will revisit the way we want to manage RWMG membership, voting, and tracking the information.
- No official representatives have been nominated as voting members of the RWMG.
- All entities will be asked to re-adopt the IRWMP so that we can start next year with a fresh understanding and RWMG in place.
- Mike Felice: Who can be a member and vote? A: If you can bring a project and be an applicant, then you can vote. Meetings are still public, but voting is limited to RWMG membership.
- Once the short form is approved by RWMG, update the status. After projects have been accepted, they are sent to Susan Robinson who then creates a funding memo that includes the most likely sources of funding for each project. Evaluation of likely funding sources is sent back to project sponsors. The memos vary based on the type of project and its status. JoAnna creates a project folder that includes short forms, funding memos, and any other project information.
- If projects change or evolve, it's important for sponsors to provide that information as soon as possible. To stay up to date with funding opportunities.

- Project sponsors are then invited to work with technical team on funding opportunities or other next steps. Technical team can work with project sponsors to determine if projects are high priority and need to move forward quickly into fundraising efforts.
- A possible next step is to go to YWA to request planning funding (requires a letter, showing need for funding and steps sponsors have taken to advance projects for grants or other efforts).
- There are more funds/programs focused on implementation than planning.
- Technical team can assist on grants, but this requires discussion and pre-planning. Requests need to be made formally to the agency. Technical team can assist with formal requests to the agency.
- JoAnna provided copies of the process description. She also sent it out via email.

3. Review of Yuba IRWM Goals and Objectives Section Proposed Update

- a. Consistent with YWA Strategic Plan
 - b. Supports County-wide Project Development Process
 - c. Comments due October 30th Close of Business (no response=acceptance)
- Next quarter will work to streamline the text so the goals and objectives description isn't as long. This is what projects are evaluated against. They are the same goals and objectives you're familiar with and have been using but there are a couple of additions.

4. Prop 1 SRFA and MCFA Funding Application Update

- Yuba County was divided into two funding areas. Lower part of county is in Sac River Funding Area and upper part is in the Mountain Counties Funding Area.
- Technical team pulled every project in the IRWMP that was consistent with the guidelines. In the Mountain Counties Funding Area, there was only one project that was shovel-ready and fit within the guidelines, requirements and priorities. There are five projects in the SRFA. 1) Linda County Water District, 2) Yuba County/RD 784, 3) OPUD water meters, 4) OPUD water main, and 5) City of Wheatland water system update. There is one project in the MCFA: North Yuba Water District's storage tank replacement and repair.

5. Next Meeting-1st quarter 2020

- Expected for February or March – JoAnna will set the date and send an email.
- When GSC sets their meetings, JoAnna will attempt to combine meetings.