SIERRA WATER WORKGROUP AGENDA

Thursday September 17, 2009

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10-10:15  Welcome and Introductions

10:00-10:30  Recap Last meeting on March and Overview of Sierra Water Workgroup Possible Work Plan Items.

    At the March 26 meeting the group identified a need to develop a workplan or to identify issues that the group would work on together. The topics for today’s agenda discussion are suggested issues that the Sierra Water Workgroup could work on together. For each topic we will have a 45 min to an hour discussion on the issue and whether and how the Sierra Water Workgroup could work on that issue. The issues include: Water conservation for the Sierra (developing a raw water optimization BMP, meeting the 20x2020 goals in the Sierra), Water rights/area of origin issues, water and climate change in the Sierra. If more issues come up at the meeting, we can carve out time to discuss them as well.

10:30-10:45  Sierra IRWMP Summit Oct. 16, 2009- Is this potential outreach forum to inform people of the Sierra Water Workgroup, our mission, and solicit feedback?

10:45-11:30  Water and Climate Change in the Sierra- Could the Sierra Water Workgroup create a program or plan for addressing water and climate issues in the Sierra? What are others doing to work on climate change?

11:30- 12:45  Break and Working Lunch Discussion- California Water Legislation Package: Impacts to the Sierra/Water Rights, Area of Origin Issues Discussion- We will discuss the Delta water bills, potential changes to water rights laws, burden on area of origin systems to meet downstream needs.

12:45-1:30  The Process of Creating a Raw Water Optimization BMP- (Chris Brown, California Urban Water Conservation Council)- Overview of the white paper on raw water done by Julie Leimbach. How would one create a raw water BMP? Would this benefit the Sierra?

1:30-2:15  20x2020 Water Conservation Plan Discussion- How are agencies in the Sierra going to implement BMPs? What does conservation in the Sierra mean for us? Will each water district go it alone or should we all better coordinate since we have similar issues? What have people already done to conserve water?

2:15-3:00  Next Steps and Schedule Future Meetings