

Sierra Water Workgroup Meeting Notes

When: November 14th 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Where: Conference Call

Participants: Bobby Kamansky (Southern Sierra IRWM), Lynn Nolan (Tahoe-Sierra IRWM), Mary Randall (DWR), Gary Lippner (DWR), Tim (DWR), Kheng Vang (Madera County), Kaitlin Meese (Sierra Nevada Alliance)

Agenda:

January Workshop Ideas

Lynn Nolan: A regional project coordination and implementation workshop to discuss project ideas in the entire region and to establish assistance or collaboration between IRWM planners.

Liz Mansfield: To develop an action plan for the SWWG and IRWM participants.

Gary Lippner: DWR is working on an IRWM strategic plan which will clarify what an IRWM means. For example, if IRWMs are stable and what assistance IRWMs have. The strategic plan was discussed at the California Water Plan Meeting two months ago and is still in the beginning stages. The draft strategic plan is currently on the DWR website and will be sent by Gary Lippner to the SWWG stakeholders.

- DWR is now taking comments on the IRWM strategic plan. The comments could include the IRWMs opinions on priorities, funding, and regions needs.

Liz Mansfield and Lynn Nolan: A workshop addressing climate change in the Sierra. Look into investing in climate change tools on one platform so it is easier to collaborate on results from all IRWMs.

Liz Mansfield: A workshop on DAC technical assistance and developing a specific comment letter to DWR.

Speakers: Lester Snow, RLLF; Mike Grisman (good speaker and a lot to say about funding), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Director Cohen, Paul Atlandus, Mark?; Jim Branen, Sierra Nevada Conservancy; Marsha Davis?, co-chair of watershed Calshed and Delta Stewardship Council

IRWM Summit

- The agenda should be targeted towards elected officials, to identify why IRWMs are important and to clarify what IRWMs have accomplished.

- IRWM Summit Map:
 - A map to show specific IRWM projects across the Sierra region and create transparency to successes, inefficiencies and gaps.
 - Liz Gladin is collecting data from IRWMs on their top projects.
 - Contact Tracy Billington at DWR to gather information on IRWM projects and GIS coordinates.
- What do elected officials want out of the IRWM Summit?
 - There are a number of mountain community elected officials who do not understand the distinction between water workgroups and IRWMs.
 - Also, elected officials will be interested in projects within their constituents area and may support projects to satisfy their voters.
- Potential Speakers:
 - Lester Snow, RLLF; Mike Grisman, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Director Cowin, DWR; Jim Branen, Sierra Nevada Conservancy; Marsha Davis, Delta Stewardship Council