

Breakout 2 [Process Track] – Tips and Pitfalls for IRWM Project Funding | 11:30am – 12:45pm

Moderator: Pat Garcia

Pat is the district manager for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, which is the lead agency for the Yosemite-Mariposa region. They entered into the IRWM process somewhat late in the game. Mariposa County is rural with about half the land comprised of Yosemite National Park, total population of 18,500. No one in the county had stepped forward to lead, so with a Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant to launch the effort, the RCD accepted the task. They tried to form a multi-county region with Merced and Madera, and had conditional RAP acceptance as "CenCal", but it didn't work out; then they were accepted with the county line boundaries. However, the Round 1 application was declined, so they regrouped and submitted a new application for Round 2.

Panelists: Trevor Joseph, Soapy Mulholland(Sopac McCarthy Mullholland), Lynn Nolan,

Trevor Joseph works for the Department of Water Resources, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, Financial Assistance Branch. Trevor has worked for DWR for the last three years in the Division of IRWM as a project manager, awarding Proposition 84 Implementation Grant Funds. Among other activities his responsibilities included executing the first round of Prop 84 Implementation solicitation, awards and contracts. Prior to DWR he worked as a Hydrogeologist and Water Planner conducting groundwater and conjunctive use studies, designing and overseeing construction projects and writing and executing grant applications and contracts for MWH a consulting firm for approximately 10 years.

Soapy joined Sequoia Riverlands Trust as the first paid Executive Director in March 2002. Through her sole proprietorship, Sopac and Associates, she actively engaged in the field of real estate entitlements and government and agency land use. Soapy currently sits on the Board of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the PG&E Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, the Statewide Blue Print Committee, the California Ag Visioning Committee, the Aldo Leopold Award selection committee, and the Tejon Ranch Conservancy Board of Directors. She is a member of the California Cattlemen's Association and the Farm Bureau. She previously served as interim President of the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation and as Director of Development for the California Agricultural Education Foundation, and later became a member of their Board of Directors. Soap lives in Springville, California.

Lynn has been the grants coordinator at South Tahoe Public Utility District for 10 years and has been working with the Tahoe Sierra IRWM since 2004.