

Sierra Water Workgroup (SWWG) Quarterly Call. June 2, 2014, 9am.

Attending: Kristen Honeycutt (DWR), Tim Nelson (DWR), Esther Conrad (UC Berkeley), Nic Enstice (SNC), Mark Drew (Inyo-Mono), Holly Alpert (I-M), Rick Cattleman (I-M), Ian Simms (Lahontan Basins), Jeannie Habben (Madera), Glenn Franklin (Yosemite-Mariposa), Liz Mansfield, Gavin Feiger, Kathy Wood-McLaughlin (Southern Sierra), Mary Randall (DWR), Carolyn Hunsaker (Southern Sierra), John Shelton,

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Current SWWG Projects
 - a. Update on SWWG Summit June 12-13. [Register](#) if you have not already. Review Agenda (attached) ahead of time and send out Flyer (attached) to your networks.
 - b. Everything is coming along well. We are at total 95 registered, hoping for closer to 120.
AI: Please help us spread the word with the flyer and otherwise.
 - i. What could we have done better for outreach?
 1. Good job getting the word out
 2. Drought round is taking people's time
 3. Money is tight in the valley
 4. All of the watershed coordinators are ending their positions in June/July
 - ii. What do you think of the agenda?
 1. Looks good.
 - c. MOU and IRWM Meetings
 - i. Gavin and Liz been traveling to regions to sign MOU between IRWM Regions and SWWG.
 1. Yosemite-Mariposa and Inyo-Mono – great meetings and signatures
 2. Madera – presented, question of clause in the back, working through it and will likely sign shortly.
 3. CABY – still working on governance structure and how to assign representatives to SWWG. Overcame questions about advocacy. Will likely sign shortly.
 4. Would like to keep meeting with regions
3. Financials – current, future, and potential
 1. DWR grant to solidify governance structure and make SWWG sustainable organization, this money is ending in June.
4. Future and potential SWWG projects
 1. Water Supply Project
 1. Water Supply/sediment project. SWWG agreed to be project lead on this last year. Bill 1259 (Pavley) going through legislature now – directs DWR to look at statewide reservoir and sedimentation. Hoping to get funding for that.
 2. Data Management project (IRWM Reps – we want to get basic information on your current data management system(s) and needs, please think about this ahead of time).
 1. All IRWMs are required to do data management. SWWG is working with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants subcontract on this task, starting with Tahoe-Sierra. SWWG would potentially be portal and work with other Sierra IRWM regions to create consistent data management for the Sierra. This could be a good low-budget solution for your IRWMP, the incremental cost of adding another IRWMP is likely low.
 2. Feedback from group?

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1. SS has no money after grant ends in November. Will bring this up and potentially cost share.
2. Yosemite-Mariposa: also interested and also has same consultants (Kennedy/Jenks)
5. Virtual networking – open forum for questions or requests for information. Ask a question and find someone or a group of people to follow-up with after the SWWG call.
 1. Final outcome of drought round solicitation?
 1. Surprised that none of the comments were considered. Frustrating. We are going to have speed up entire process. Worried that there won't be much money left for Round 3, not changing distribution formulas.
 1. The final has not come out yet. Some IRWMP(s) are using draft PSP to evaluate projects.
 2. DWR: Final PSP will come out soon. DWR has listened to some comments and there are a few changes that will be made. DWR is tied by legislature, governor, and time crunch. They are trying.
 3. Final will come out any day, applications due end of July, decisions in September, contracts/work starts beginning of 2015.
 4. Session at SWWG on Drought Solicitation.

Breaking News!

DWR has released the final versions of the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package. These newly released documents, public comments received on the draft documents, as well as other information about the IRWM Grant Program, can be found at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants>.

Two Workshops will be held to provide potential grant applicants with assistance on preparing grant applications:

Location	Date
University of California Cooperative Extension in Bakersfield 1031 S. Mt, Vernon Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93307	June 18, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
CalEPA Building Sierra Hearing Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 This meeting will be web broadcast via the following link: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/	June 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

If you have any question, please e-mail DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov.

2. Tabling at Summit?
 1. IRWM regions – yes. If you haven't sent in map or slides, please send to Cody or Gavin ASAP.
 2. Tables for sponsors also

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3. Funding
 1. Watershed coordinator extension (time and funding)
 1. Very specific to drought – 6 month extension. Kathy Wood-McLaughlin and Jeannie Habben both received extensions.
 2. WaterSMART grant for small watershed groups (Bureau of Reclamation). \$50k/year available. Apply by June 6 or at least keep an eye on it because will probably be offered in the future.
4. Better coordination year-round?
 1. Set up a Google Group for IRWM reps (based on MOU or who is giving presentation this year).
 2. Bassecamp (roundtable of regions sues)
 3. Forum on SWWG website
 4. **AI: Gavin will set up Google Group around time of Summit and invite all IRWM reps.**