

# January 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-9:30am Summit Committee call-in meeting

## Introductions

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Attending:

John Shelton, Gavin Feiger, Bob Dean, Cody Bear, Liz Mansfield, Kristin Honeycutt, Pete Pumphrey, Kathy Wood-McLaughlin, Joy Peterson

## Overall Summit Planning and Funding

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- Felicia Marcus is currently keynote.
- Funding:
  - State Bar will be a sponsor again
  - SNC sponsorship application in
  - DWR/CCP funding
  - Need to get sponsorship packet out

## Speakers and Panel Topics

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**We discussed having one or two overall themes to frame the summit and help increase attendance:**

- Overall theme? Drought one day (or both) and legal one day? Climate change as forcing/causing drought? Might be a lightning rod for climate naysayers – need to make the point that the drought is a glance of what the future could be.
- Sub-themes?
  - Legal framework – people go to conferences and have a lot of good idea, but not necessarily legally possible. Attorneys not as teachers, but as advising on legal obstacles or opportunities during workshops and discussions.
  - Tribal theme throughout (similar to legal, almost “gut check”)
  - **Bolded** legal and tribal themes in the numbered workshops below – we could identify entry points for both tribes and legal experts in as many workshops as possible
  - We could have a tribal rep an attorney attend each panel and give 3-5 minute response to discussion towards/at end of workshop.

**We went over last year’s agenda and evaluations to identify follow-up opportunities and then went over new ideas. The topics that rose to the top are numbered below. Other ideas are bulleted below the numbered topics. A few speaker suggestions are bulleted at the very bottom.**

### Top Workshop Ideas

1. BDCP – Shakoora with Delta Conservancy – Delta-Sierra link. How the plan includes and links to the Sierra.
  - a. Speaker on State Water Action Plan – what happens/happened with it? Supposed to be near term action items. Did they make any changes due to public comment. Maybe put this in context of drought.
    - i. John – groundwater overdraft
2. Water rights
  - a. IRWMPS should be documenting their region’s water needs
    - i. Bring in water masters – focus on drought
  - b. Pete - Focused set of questions, roundtable – put problems out, roundtable of small group of practitioners with a couple of experts. Take it from theoretical to actual examples.

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- i. E.g. how do you make sense of water adjudication in low flow years, what tools are available (how to develop information to substantiate your claim). Follow up on water rights 101, area of origin.
          1. ED County example
3. DACs
  - a. How defined, legislation, etc.
  - b. Work with Inyo-Mono as follow up to DAC track last year
4. Catastrophic fires (e.g. rim fire – lessons learned – Bob Dean can send out some info/ideas on this)
  - a. Investing in headwaters to avoid
  - b. Road sedimentation being eliminated from clean water act
  - c. Check with USFS and NFF for ideas if we want to go forward with this
5. Tribes
  - a. Governance?
  - b. IRWM Involvement (“scorecard” – need a better name for this)?
    - i. Overlay IRWM and see if all tribes have been contacted (must contact by phone because people move tribes/jobs regularly). Try to find environmental director.
    - ii. Washoe tribe was well represented last year
    - iii. How the sharing of resources can optimize dollars (Joy)
      1. Link with DAC?
  - c. Lake Tahoe watershed is Washoe
  - d. Marie just got back from DC and **Tribes’** budget being cut back 3-5% (federally)
  - e. Common theme throughout and specific workshop
  - f. **Prayer** – lunch instead of opening so everyone is there.
6. Prop 84 implementation grants workshop (Gavin)
  - a. How to make PSP favor Sierra and how to make Sierra IRWMPs more competitive (CBA, Technical analysis)
  - b. Longer, hands-on session?
7. Water quality, wetlands and SEZ (Joy Peterson is on SEZ committee)
  - a. Groundwater, recharging, nutrient loading
    - i. Especially re: DACS – this issue identified by state water resources quality control board as top priority.
      1. Felicia as speaker
      2. Lahontan – coordination and specifically involving IRWMs
  - b. ACWA principles
8. Climate adaptation
  - a. **Legal** aspects?
    - i. Other water rights systems (e.g. Australia)
  - b. Safeguarding CA – climate adaptation plan for state coming out in 2014.
    - i. Have someone speak on water aspects of that
9. Drought – **plenary**?
10. Legislative panel or lunch speaker
  - a. Only if we can get decision-makers or staff to attend
11. IRWM reports
  - a. same as last year – report outs from each Sierra IRWM

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### Other ideas/Brainstorming

- Forest management
  - Biomass?
    - Fire preparation on the sierra NF (John Shelton)
  - Kathy – progress on Sequoia NF
  - LTBMU plan just came out
- Sierra Agriculture (maybe follow up with water quality – nutrient loading)
  - “creeks and communities” group led by Dr. Sherman (Joy Peterson).
- Water conservation (goes with drought)
- Biomass (with SNC and maybe NFF/USFS)
- DACs (are they adequately identified, can they compete with resources)
- Tribes (are they being included in IRWMPs and how)
  - See which IRWMPs have them involved, how it’s working out and why. Positive light!
- Improved coordination between agencies
- IRWM outreach and inclusiveness - John Shelton
- Fire (see above) – link with climate change and drought, maybe a plenary
- Framing document for ACWA headwater principles
- Governance
  - Tribes as experts
  - Problems with going to a JPA
  - Legal aspects here

### Speakers

- Dr. Collins head of climate change for UC Davis – could be a good **keynote** – he was very positive and had some Sierra-specific info (Joy Peterson suggestion)
- WQCC conference in October on Climate Change (Pete Pumphrey suggestion – Liz/Gavin have contact info from email a couple of months ago)
- Lynn Nolan on IRWM implementation and maybe tribal outreach/coordination