

Upper Feather River IRWM Regional Water Management Group

FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES

November 18, 2016

Approved at a regular meeting of the RWMG on April 21, 2017

Due to a technical error a recording of the meeting is not available.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Sherrie Thrall called the meeting to order on November 18, 2016 at 1:05 pm at the Plumas County Planning Conference Room, 555 Main Street, Quincy, California.

Members Present:

Sherrie Thrall, Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Paul Roen, Sierra County Board of Supervisors
Terry Swofford, Plumas County Board of Supervisors
Russell Reid, Feather River Resource Conservation District
Rick Roberti, Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District
Jim Roberti, Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
Roger Diefendorf, Plumas County Community Development Commission
Trina Cunningham, Maidu Summit Consortium
Jeffrey Greening, Public Member
Joe Hoffman, Plumas National Forest (Advisory)

Members Absent:

Carol Thornton, Lassen National Forest (Advisory)
Quentin Youngblood, Tahoe National Forest (Advisory)

Staff Present:

Randy Wilson, Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Uma Hinman, Uma Hinman Consulting
Leah Wills, Consultant

Additions or Deletions from the Agenda

None noted

Public Comment Opportunity

None noted

Announcements / Reports

None noted

CONSENT AGENDA

a. RWMG Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2016

Upon motion by Roger Diefendorf and seconded by Trina Cunningham, the RWMG Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2016 were unanimously approved as presented.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Project Status Updates

Uma Hinman presented an overview of the project schedule, tasks, stakeholder and tribal outreach, and budget. All tasks have been completed except for some final steps on Task 1 Stakeholder Outreach to encourage MOU member agency adoption of the Final UFR IRWM Plan. Other outstanding tasks include submitting the Final Plan to DWR and the Grant Completion Report and final invoicing.

2. Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Coordination

Uma Hinman presented an update on the outreach and coordination efforts with other IRWM regions in the Mountain Counties Funding Area regarding the Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Request for Proposal (RFP). The effort is being coordinated by the Sierra Water Workgroup (SWWG), who has hosted and facilitated workshops and conference calls on August 24 in Auburn and October 31 by phone. The SWWG was asked by the IRWMs of the funding area to develop a draft statement of qualifications to solicit an applicant for the Funding Area.

A DAC Coordinating Committee has been established to provide input for the SOQ, applicant selection process, criteria, final selection. The Committee will be made up of a representative and alternate assigned from each IRWM within the Mountain Counties Funding Area.

Discussion ensued regarding the assignment of a representative and alternate to represent the Upper Feather River Region. Randy Wilson and Leah Wills were proposed as representative and alternate, respectively. Both will attend and participate in Committee meetings and calls so as to be able to provide input into the process when needed. Representatives will be able to make decisions at the meeting, which will then be brought back to the RWMG for concurrence.

Upon motion by Paul Roen and seconded by Jeffrey Greening, Randy Wilson was assigned to the DAC Coordinating Committee as representative and Leah Wills as alternate by unanimous approval of the RWMG.

The SWWG has provided an estimated budget for the coordinating costs and requested consideration of funding assistance for the facilitator and staff time. The recommended amount is 10% of the total costs (approximately \$7,000) or a maximum of \$700 per region. The RWMG recognized the need and discussion ensued as to how to find funds to assist. Robert Meacher noted that, as a severely disadvantaged community, Portola could likely come up with some of the funding. He offered to look into Portola's budget and let the RWMG know how much they could contribute. Sherrie thanked Robert for stepping forward.

Upon motion by Paul Roen and seconded by Trina Cunningham, the RWMG unanimously supported providing funding assistance to the SWWG for coordinating the DAC Coordinating Committee.

3. Final Upper Feather River IRWM Plan

Uma Hinman presented the Public Review process for the Draft of the Upper Feather River IRWM Plan, comments received on the Draft Plan, and revisions made for the Final Plan. Uma noted that DWR also held an additional 30-day public review period, during which the Public Draft Plan was posted on DWR's website. No comments were received by DWR. DWR also completed its compliance review for both

Proposition 84 and Proposition 1; the UFR IRWM Plan is the first Plan in the state to be compliant with the 2016 IRWM Standards.

Uma Hinman explained that in anticipation of concurrent planning efforts within the watershed, the Grant Work Plan required a consistency determination for coordinating with the National Forest Plans and the Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan. Although those planning efforts have not yet begun, the RWMG still needs to fulfill that Work Plan requirement. The Consistency Determinations recognize that the planning processes will be undertaken in the future and states the RWMG's intention to coordinate with those efforts. A draft resolution of adoption was also presented. Sherrie asked if the Consistency Determinations should be attached to the resolution of adoption, and if so, the resolution should be revised to reflect that. Uma and Randy agreed; Uma will revise the resolution and email to Sherri and Randy for signature.

Upon RWMG adoption of the Final Plan, it must also be adopted by RWMG member agencies and MOU members. Uma presented a draft letter to MOU members that staff will send out with a draft resolution.

Upon motion by Paul Roen and seconded by Trina Cunningham, the RWMG unanimously approved the Final Upper Feather River IRWM Plan, Consistency Determinations, and Resolution of Adoption as revised to include the Consistency Determinations.

Upon motion by Paul Roen and seconded by Russell Reid, the draft letter requesting MOU member adoption of the Final Plan was unanimously approved as presented. Direction to Uma Hinman to send letter and example resolution to MOU members.

4. Next Steps

Sherrie Thrall noted that this discussion was important as today's meeting was the last under the planning grant. Randy Wilson noted that Plumas County had budgeted \$10,000 to continue supporting the Upper Feather River IRWM Program at least through the end of this fiscal year. Randy noted that he had received a proposal and scope of services from Uma Hinman Consulting to continue coordination/facilitation tasks to support the RWMG. Upon agreement of the RWMG, Randy stated he would write up a contract with Uma Hinman Consulting for Plumas County Board of Supervisor approval. Russell Reid thanked Plumas County for providing funding to continue supporting the Program.

Sherrie Thrall introduced discussion regarding assigning a new Chair and Vice-Chair. It was decided to address it at the next meeting. The next meeting will likely be in the spring, timing to coincide with needs of the Proposition 1 grant opportunities.

Russell Reid expressed support for continued and future stakeholder involvement, particularly in the project selection process. He suggested including a municipal representative on the RWMG since there was such need in the region (DACs, water/wastewater infrastructure, etc.). Frank Motzkus noted that the Plumas County Special Districts Association can help keep stakeholders involved.

Randy Wilson noted that Butte County may have interest in participating in future efforts of the UFR RWMG. Vickie Newlin, Butte County, said she would ask Butte County if they would like to participate and in what capacity.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.