

**Southern Sierra IRWMP
Meeting Agenda**

April 22, 2009 from 1 pm – 4:30 pm
Tulare County Farm Bureau
737 N. Ben Maddox Way, Visalia

- ❖ 1:00 – 1:10 Introductions/Agenda Items
 - Bob Robinson – KRVR – Native tribes, Kern River Valley
 - Gary Temple – Sierra Foothill Citizen’s Alliance/Sierra RCD
 - Preston van Camp – Revive the San Joaquin
 - Bob Stanfield – Madera representative
 - Sandy Wright – SSIRWMP outreach coordinator
 - Terry Kaplan-Henry – Forest Hydrologist, Sequoia National Forest
 - Chris Steward – USFS District hydrologist, Kern River Ranger District
 - Kyle Wright – USFS District Hydrologist,
 - Bobby Kamansky – Project Manager
 - Julie Allen – Facilitator
 - Frances Tweed – Sequoia Riverlands Trust

- BK notes that Community water Center and others RSVPed for meeting, NPS rep. has family illness. Tulare County couldn’t make it, but will bring MOU to Board of Supervisors.
- Julie Allen discussed the agenda changes briefly

- ❖ 1:10 – 1:35 Region Acceptance Process application review and lead agency designation
 - Coordinating Committee recommends Sequoia Riverlands Trust as the Lead Agency for the RAP application
 - ACTION: approve submission of RAP application to DWR
 - The Planning Committee approved submission
 - ACTION: approve lead agency recommendation
 - The Planning Committee approved SRT at the lead agency
 - Next steps in RAP application process
 - The next steps are to submit an application to DWR for region acceptance

and then DWR will conduct interviews with regions in June.

❖ 1:35 – 2:15

Boundaries

- Coordinating Committee Recommendations for geographic boundaries - Bobby Kamansky
Handout: maps, boundary description
- South Boundary
- Discussion: Bob R. mentioned that folks didn't know that folks were represented in IRWMPs
 - Bob R., KRVR, Cal-water Bob R. asked Kernville chamber, Kern River Revitalization, notes that KCWA may have only spoken to 6 people in the KV. BK asks what KCWA would need to do to ensure satisfactory representation. Bob would like to see representation in the KC IRWMP forum from KRV specifically. Bob R. stated that MOA needed to stipulate/bind KCWA to collaborating in the watershed across the boundaries.
 - Governance: which IRWMP will serve KRV best?
 - KCWA 'project top heavy' and oriented towards water supply and purveyors.
 - KCWA didn't know how to reach out to folks in watershed
 - KV Indian Community – 700 people, seeking federal recognition. Tubulatala represent only 16 people.
 - KR is on DRAFT impaired water body list, can receive more attention because of this.
 - Terry Kaplan-Henry notes that there are high mountain meadows in the relevant areas, why improve a site not in boundary
 - BK notes that integration among regions is goal of IRWMP
 - Concern was raised about KCWA keeping their word in an MOU, they are a large, powerful group.
- OUTCOME: Group brainstormed items for the MOU: Collaborate across jurisdictional boundaries in watershed to ensure benefits across watersheds including water quality and quantity, including

source projects, the two IRWMPs will work collaboratively across jurisdictions, there will be project-specific consultation and specific cooperation, KRV will need representation in the KCWA's mountain subregion, KCWA will need to cooperate with groups to ensure representation.

○ ACTION: approve boundaries on all sides.

- Bob Stanfield from Madera Co stated that Madera would like to work out an agreement/MOU with SSIRMWP and would welcome the opportunity to collaborate.

❖ 2:15 – 2:45

MOU

- Coordinating Committee Recommendation for MOU (handout) and governance structure (handout) – Julie Allen
- ACTION: approve MOU and sign
- Folks need to get a signature to BK at; 427 S. Garden Street, 93277 or FAX via: 622-9477

❖ 2:45 – 3:15

Milestones

- Coordinating Committee recommendations for milestones schedule
 - Handout
 - The notion was raised about opening up the fiscal application process again
 - BK notes that will need to contact each applicant to determine whether applications will stand
 - Propositions on May ballot not showing well in the polls – how will this affect SSIRWMP?
 - ACTION: approve milestones

❖ 3:15 – 4:00

Scheduling next meeting dates

- Suggestions: CC meeting May 20th, 3-5; **PC meeting July 8th, 1-5**

❖ 4:00 – 4:30

Agenda suggestions, critique and closing remarks

- Planning phase funding ideas:
 - NFF – National Forest Foundation
 - Capacity
 - Planning
 - NPS

- Rose Foundation – grants for planning
- SNC
- Audubon CA
- RLFF
- NFFF – fisheries
- S California Edison
- PG&E
- Sloan Foundation
- Trout Unlimited
- Fly Fishers for Conservation
- Fresno Flyfishers
- River Network –
- The Nature Conservancy
- Sierra-Cascade Land Trust Council
- Ducks Unlimited
- REI
- Patagonia
- Cabella
- Bass Proshop
- Chambers of Commerce (Cal Chamber website)
- PUDs
- Verizon
- RWQCB – 208 \$\$
- NRCS
- Coors Foundation
- BOR
- BLM
- CA Bay-Delta authority
- Rotary
- Siroptimis
- KCWA
- Tule River Tribes – though 30% agreement with state
- RCDs
- Mtn Home State Forest
- EPA
- Dept of Conservation

- Next steps: create one pager to shop around
- Suggestions for future meetings:
 - review and check in on funding sources

- Status of RAP application
- MOU w/Kern County
- Funding/impacts updates
- MOU update for collaboration with Madera

- Critique:
 - funding frozen for some organizations
 - Need to call more orgs in advance of meeting to generate
 - RSJ offered to help with this item
 - Start on time
 - Julie should bring her hat!

- 4:35 adjourn