



Meeting Summary

MEETING: 2018 MAC IRWMP RPC Meeting 3

MEETING DATE: 10/25/2018

LOCATION: 810 Court St, Jackson, CA

ATTENDEES: Amador Fire Safe Council, Amador Water Agency, Calaveras Amador Forestry Team, Calaveras County Water District, Calaveras Public Utility District, East Bay Municipal Water District, Foothill Conservancy, Woodard & Curran

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1. Introductions and Meeting Procedure Review
 - a. There were no questions on meeting procedure and the RPC accepted the guidelines for discussion.
 - b. The critical path item for this meeting is approving the MAC Plan Update.
 2. Review Public Comments
 - a. Public Comments Overview
 - i. 151 comments were received during the 3-week Public Comment period
 1. 1 from CPUD, 1 from EBMUD, 149 from Foothill Conservancy
 - ii. Most comments were to add, update or correct information.
 - b. All comments have been responded to; the Surface Storage Feasibility Study inclusion comment required further discussion
 - i. Foothill requested that this project be removed from the Plan since it was rejected from MokeWISE and is considered controversial.
 - ii. AWA was made aware of the request when the comment was received and brought the matter before their Board of Directors during the October 25 Board Meeting, which occurred the morning of the RPC meeting.
 - iii. The AWA Board voted not to withdraw the Surface Storage Feasibility Study project from the IRWM Plan in a 3-2 vote.
 - iv. Foothill voiced their concern about keeping the Surface Storage Feasibility Study in the Plan on the basis that the Study was rejected from MokeWISE and this Plan should be kept to the same high standard.
 - v. The Plan includes the following language regarding the inclusion of Projects in the Plan: "It should be noted that inclusion of a project in the IRWM Plan indicates that it passed the screening requirements outlined in Section 4.1, but does



not necessarily reflect endorsement by the Regional Participants Committee (RPC).”

- vi. Foothill indicated that they could live with the Surface Storage Feasibility Study remaining in the Plan if their objection to its inclusion and the fact that the Study was removed from MokeWISE is footnoted throughout the Plan everywhere the Study is mentioned and in the Plan text that describes the project inclusion process. The language of the footnote will be approved by Foothill before it's included in the Final Plan.
 - c. The AWA Board voted to add the Blue and Twin Lakes Project to the IRWM Plan. It will be added to the plan as an appendix, but not scored.
 - d. CCWD submitted a verbal comment in support of the project added to the plan by CPUD.
 - e. AWA submitted three new comments regarding table and figure numbering in the Plan, DAC outreach information, and updated DAC data.
 - i. A statement regarding the updated DAC data will be added to the Plan.
3. MAC Plan Approval
- a. The RPC approved the 2018 MAC Plan Update with the Surface Storage Feasibility Project footnotes and the added language from AWA's comment.
 - i. The approval is contingent upon Foothill's acceptance of the Surface Storage Feasibility Study footnote language.
 - b. Woodard & Curran will circulate a redlined draft to the RPC. The RPC will be given one week to review; if no comments are received at the close of that period, the MAC Plan will be finalized.
4. MAC Plan Adoption
- a. AWA recommends that member agencies adopt the Plan before UMWRA adopts the Plan since UMRWA members would likely feel more comfortable adopting the Plan if they know that the Plan has the support of their Boards.
 - b. Board Adoption Schedules:
 - i. AWA: Will likely adopt Plan on December 13th.
 - ii. CCWD: Will likely adopt Plan on December 12th.
 - iii. EBMUD: May or may not adopt the Plan; don't have any projects as the Project Sponsor, but they may be a Project Partner for some of the projects included in the Plan. If they do adopt, it would be December at the earliest and February at the latest.
 - iv. CPUD: Will likely adopt plan in early December.



- v. Foothill: The Board only meets quarterly, but the Plan can be approved by the executive team as soon as the Plan is finalized and will be recommended for adoption at next Board meeting.
5. Draft Project Solicitation Package
- a. Overview of project requirements
 - i. Proposal must contribute to “regional water self-reliance”. This is only relevant to regions that depend on water from the Delta watershed.
 - 1. RPC requested that this be clarified with DWR; UMRWA can consider including this in its comment letter.
 - ii. There is a new requirement that CEQA must be complete and construction permits must be in hand within 6 months of the grant execution. DACs are exempt from this requirement.
 - 1. Woodard & Curran to clarify the DAC vs non-DAC aspects of this requirement with DWR.
 - b. UMRWA must tell DWR how the funding area wants to divide money between Round 1 and Round 2 (default is 50%), desired timeframe for DWR Workshop, and a recommendation for funding area representative.
 - i. UMRWA recommends the following:
 - 1. No recommendation for who will be the Funding Area rep
 - 2. Split the funding evenly between each of the Regions
 - 3. Split the funding evenly between Rounds 1 and 2
 - 4. Hold Funding Area Workshop in April
 - ii. AWA suggests moving the Funding Area Workshop back to May or June to avoid winter weather travel conditions in the mountains. There may be multiple workshops for the Mountain Counties because the IRWM regions are so spread out.
 - c. The RPC discussed how to split funding between the IRWM regions in the funding area. There was support both for splitting the funding evenly and for competing with other regions. UMRWA has already passed a resolution to split the funding evenly with other regions that have projects. Based on a report from the MAC representative, it is uncertain how many other IRWM regions within the DWR Mountain Counties Funding Area have projects to submit for a grant.
 - i. A related question is if the Mountain Counties Funding Area should submit one application or multiple applications to DWR. DWR’s preference seems to be one application per funding area; however, they are open to multiple applications from the Mountain Counties Funding Area.



- d. Woodard & Curran to create a draft project list of projects included in the MAC Plan that could be included in this grant application.
 - i. Projects should be in design and they must be implementation, not planning, projects.
 - ii. RPC to reconvene to discuss the draft project list to recommend a final project list to UMRWA to include in the grant application.

6. Next Steps

- a. Comments on the Draft PSP and funding area information must be submitted to DWR by November 20.
- b. Woodard & Curran will draft a project list in response to the PSP and will circulate it to the RPC.
- c. The date and location of the Mountain Counties Funding Area Workshop will be set February 1, 2019.
- d. The Plan will be finalized in November.
- e. UMRWA will approve the 2018 MAC Plan Update on January 25, 2019.

7. Action Items

- a. Woodard & Curran will incorporate the edits discussed at the meeting and circulate a redlined MAC Plan to the RPC.
- b. RPC will review redlined MAC Plan and respond within the designated timeline.
- c. Woodard & Curran will clarify the DAC vs non-DAC permit/CEQA timing requirements with DWR in the draft PSP.
- a. Woodard & Curran will create a draft project list of MAC Plan projects that could be included in the Prop 1 Round 1 grant application and circulate to the RPC.
- b. Woodard & Curran will relay the PSP comment letter discussion points to the UMRWA representative.
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