



# Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority MAC Plan Update

## MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Regional Participants Committee (RPC) Meeting No. 2  
 May 26, 2010; 1:30 pm to 3:45 pm  
 Amador County Administration Building, Jackson California

### Attendance and Introductions

RPC Members	Present	Absent	Affiliation	Alter-nate
Pete Bell	X		Foothill Conservancy	
Krista Clem-O'Sullivan		X	Golden Vale Subdivision	
Brianna Creekmore		X	West Point Community	
Mike Daly	X		City of Jackson (present for part of meeting)	
Dixon Flynn		X	City of Plymouth	
Tom Francis	X		East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)	
Sarah Green		X	Alpine Watershed Group	
Donna Leatherman	X		Calaveras Public Utilities District	
Gene Mancebo	X		Amador Water Agency	
Phil McCartney		X	Mokelumne Hill Sanitary District	
Ted Novelli	X		Amador County Board of Supervisors	
Ed Pattison	X		Calaveras County Water District	
Rod Schuler	X		Retired Amador County PW Director	
Gary Slade		X	Amador Fly Fishers	
Susan Snoke		X	Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Council	
Terry Strange		X	Resident	
Madonna Wiebold		X	Resident	
Hank Willy		X	Jackson Valley Irrigation District	
vacant		X	Sierra Pacific Industries	
vacant		X	PG&E/ERC	
vacant		X	U.S. Forest Service	
Interested Persons	Present	Absent	Affiliation	
Bob Dean	X		Calaveras County Water District	
Gary Thomas	X		Amador Water Agency	
Debbie Dunn	X		Amador Water Agency	
Anne Littlejohn	X		Central Valley RWQCB	
Genevieve Sparks	X		Central Valley RWQCB	
Erik Christeson	X		Amador Water Agency	



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Project Team	Present	Absent	Affiliation
Rob Alcott	X		Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA)
Leslie Dumas	X		RMC Water and Environment
Karen Johnson	X		Water Resources Planning

### Introductions and Business

The second meeting of the RPC for the Mokelumne/Amador/Calaveras Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update (MAC Plan Update) was begun by Rob Alcott of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (Authority or UMRWA) at 1:40pm at the Amador County Administration Building in Jackson, California on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. The meeting agenda was emailed to RPC members and interested persons on May 18, 2010. A PowerPoint presentation was used for this meeting. The presentation slides provide details that are summarized here along with discussion highlights.

Karen Johnson described the goals of the meeting and the agenda. This was followed by self introductions by those in attendance. She presented several administrative action items since the first RPC meeting in January 2009 as described here.

- Edits had been made to the RPC membership roster to reflect changed positions and the addition of the U.S. Forest Service. It was suggested that Amador District be added in addition to Calaveras District. The RPC reviewed and agreed to the changes and welcomed Donna Leatherman to the RPC as the new General Manager of Calaveras Public Utility District. Congratulations were given to Gene Mancebo as the new General Manager of Amador Water Agency (AWA). Name suggestions were made regarding vacant positions: Jim Frasier for US Forest Service, Rich Dobel for PG&E, Steve Wiard for SPI. Alcott will follow up with these suggestions.
- Johnson described changes made and agreed upon by the RPC at the January 2009 meeting to the Governing Procedures regarding a decision process.
- Based on input from the first meeting, it was determined that the best meeting times are on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 PM.
- If a RPC member adds an item to the meeting agenda, it must be provided to the consultant team at least one week prior to the meeting.

### MAC Plan Activities Update

Rob Alcott updated the RPC on UMRWA activities for the MAC Plan Update since the last meeting. He discussed the submittal of the RAP application and DWR's approval of the MAC region, the establishment of a UMRWA Board Advisory Committee (BAC) and where it fits into the MAC Plan Update organization and decision structure, and the FY 2010 project related budget items. The budget includes the current Phase 2 effort



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involving RPC meetings in 2010 and preparation of applications for both Proposition (Prop) 84 implementation and planning grants.

### **State IRWM Program Draft Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages**

Leslie Dumas discussed the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) recently released draft Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Guidelines and Proposition 84 funding allocations. Competition for the first round of *implementation* grants is between four regions within the San Joaquin funding area; ~\$6.33m available this cycle. Assuming an equal division of funds amongst the four qualifying regions (a 25 percent allocation) would result in \$1.6m. Matching grant requirements of 25 percent (not including DACs) were discussed by the group. No State funds can be used as matching funds. Dumas mentioned that the cost/benefit analysis and AB1420 compliance for best management practices required by draft guidelines are of concern throughout the State due to costs to complete. *Planning* grants are competitive statewide and have a maximum award of \$1m with a local match of 50 percent.

*Implementation* grant eligibility is only for projects in adopted IRWM plans with the exception of DAC projects addressing critical water related needs and for leak detection/repair and metering projects. The final guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSP) are anticipated to be released July 1, 2010 with planning grant applications due mid-August and implementation grant applications due September 1, 2010.

### **Implementation Grant Application**

Alcott described the tentative implementation grant application process and schedule. Project selection eligibility and criteria were discussed along with a draft short list of candidate projects. The importance of projects being "shovel ready" was discussed, meaning that projects that do not need CEQA documentation or design work to be completed will get a higher score. DWR is likely to approve or disapprove the package as a whole; they will not pick projects to approve. It was mentioned that Jackson and Plymouth had both received funding from other sources, so those projects were not included on the draft candidate project list.

Pete Bell asked that the East Panther Dam removal project be considered and most, not all, agreed that this project adds diversity to the initial list which may make it more competitive. The RPC discussed, at length, how to go about reducing the number of projects on the initial list.

It was agreed that AWA would drop the county-wide project that would be too costly and instead define and estimate costs for AWA and Lake Camanche Village (DAC) leak detection and repair programs that are focused and ready to implement. Calaveras



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County Water District (CCWD) will define a West Point project that includes a phased distribution system replacement program; will determine if the filter project should be included; and will consider a focused leak detection and repair program. Bell will document the East Panther Creek dam removal project to define the project and costs. It was suggested that these project definitions would identify multiple, measurable benefits and phasing of projects as well as identify readiness to be implemented. It was suggested that Dumas review the project descriptions and score them as if she were a DWR reviewer.

If UMRWA submits an implementation grant application, it is obligated to complete the MAC Plan Update to the new standards within two years. Concern was expressed that the UMRWA BAC will be hit too hard with technical details of the proposed projects; Alcott allayed this concern because the BAC has already been briefed on the application process details and what is coming up at their next meeting; they are prepared for these next steps.

### **Planning Grant Application**

The planning grant application process and schedule was described by Alcott. RPC members were asked for their preference on meeting frequency so the consultant team can reflect preferences in the scope and budget for updating the plan. It was decided that monthly meetings will be budgeted to ensure that RPC members can be actively involved in ongoing decisions, be knowledgeable about issues at hand, and establish project momentum. However, it was acknowledged that some meetings will be cancelled prior to the meeting date, with adequate notice, if not needed.

A discussion was held regarding adding a task to the MAC Plan Update scope in the planning grant application to address conflicts with the Integrated Regional Conjunctive Use Program (IRCUP). The RPC decided that this could be of great value; it is an opportunity to establish a formal process to resolve, or at least educate everyone on, the conflicts. As with the Water Forum in Sacramento, major players involved in the regional water resources conflicts and issues can use a formal process to discuss conflicts and work towards mutual benefits.

### **Next Steps and Adjournment**

Once the final guidelines and PSPs are released, the project team will prepare planning and implementation grant applications for review and approval by the UMRWA Board. The implementation grant and planning grant application packets will be submitted September 1 and August 15, respectively, based on DWR's current schedule. RPC members will be kept apprised of activities by email between now and the next RPC meeting.



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The next RPC meeting is anticipated to be scheduled during summer of 2010. Interest was expressed that the RPC have another opportunity to review the refined candidate project descriptions before the implementation grant application is submitted. Depending on the timing of activities, this may occur, or email communications used instead to allow RPC members time to review and comment quickly, if schedule is of concern.

Meeting minutes and other correspondence will be sent via email to all members and interested others on the RPC mailing list. The project website will be updated with materials from this May 26, 2010 RPC meeting.

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:45 p.m.