

Kings Basin IRWMP Update Workgroup  
**February 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Kings Basin IRWMP Update Workgroup was held at KRCD's office at 2:00 pm. In attendance at the meeting were:

Paul Armendariz, City of Clovis  
Peter Sanchez, FMFCD  
Ronnie Samuelian, P&P  
Heather Bashian, P&P  
Sal Alhomed, Self-Help Enterprises  
Paige Yang, Bakman WC  
Dejan Pavic, City of Fresno

Bill Stretch, Fresno ID  
Paul Peschel, KRCD  
Chad Wegley, Alta ID  
Abigail Solis, Self-Help Enterprises  
Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Soua Lee, KRCD

1. Call to Order

Self-introductions

2. Review of Scope for Grant

Ronnie Samuelian provided a brief overview of the scope of work for the IRWMP Update and Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) development.

3. IRWM Update Status

The attached PowerPoint slides were reviewed during the meeting. Heather Bashian provided an overview of the updates to the IRWMP.

- Last December, the Workgroup reviewed Chapter 3.5 which discusses the water quality conditions in the Kings Basin IRWM Region. This chapter was updated to be in compliance with AB 1249. Comments received from the Workgroup were incorporated.
- AB 1249 requires IRWM groups to discuss the extent and location of contamination in the region (i.e. Arsenic, Nitrate, Chromium VI, and Perchlorate). Table 3-5: Existing Projects and Table 3-6: Future Projects, lists the projects that agencies have implemented or will implement in the future to address or remediate the four identified contaminants. However, the tables are still lacking projects. If Workgroup members know of any existing or planned projects that specifically address those four contaminants, information on those projects should be forwarded to Soua and P&P. Chad Wegley noted that the North Tulare County Surface Water Treatment Plan is not listed. Heather responded that the project can still be listed, though nothing left off intentionally.
- Heather noted that Chapter 3 is mostly wrapped up.
- Heather reported that Chapter 5 – Goals and Objectives will need to be updated. Currently, the IRWMP has 15 Measurable Objectives identified, but new DWR Guidelines require that 5 additional Measurable Objectives be added. P&P's recommended approach is to slide the additional Measurable Objectives into existing Measurable Objectives rather than come up with five new ones. Heather noted that the Guidelines also require IRWMs to review their Measurable Objectives to make sure that they address climate change where appropriate.
- Heather reported that Chapter 6 – Resource Management Strategies will need to be updated. Per the Guidelines, three new strategies are required to be addressed in the IRWMP. They are: Sediment Management, Outreach and Engagement, and Water and Culture. These three strategies are not optional and must be included.
- Heather provided clarification that the Water and Culture strategy is meant to qualitatively analyze the socio-economic relationship of water and communities.

- Ronnie provided an update on the climate change section. A lot of work was put into the climate change section during the 2012 IRWMP Update. Since 2012, there has been a number of new climate change documents. The DWR Guidelines directs IRWMs to review the new climate change documents and consider them, but remains vague on what information should be incorporated into the IRWMP. Ronnie recommended that it would be best to engage DWR to see what new information DWR would like to see incorporated. Soua will contact DWR to set up a meeting.
- Ronnie shared that the final PSP for the first round of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant will be released summer 2018. Agencies should submit any new IRWM or storm water projects as soon as possible.

#### 4. Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP)

Ronnie Samuelian provided an overview of the development of the SWRP.

- Ronnie noted that the SWRP covers the same areas as the IRWMP except for areas already covered by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District's functionally equivalent SWRP. The intent of developing a SWRP is to allow the areas within the Kings Basin IRWM region to become eligible to pursue implementation funding for storm water projects through the State Water Resources Control Board's Storm Water Grant Program (\$86M available in Round 2 of 2018).
- What kind of projects are SWRCB looking for? The primary project benefit should be storm water or flood water management. It is not required that projects come through IRWM. Applications can be submitted individually by agencies, though it is required that storm water projects be listed on a SWRP project list and ranked.
- Soliciting new projects for the SWRP project list will follow the same project prioritization process as the IRWMP. For example, at least annually, the Authority will release a call for projects to Members, Interested Parties, and Stakeholders. Project Proponents are asked to complete a Project Information Form and Storm Water Supplemental Form (if applicable). The projects with storm water related benefits will be reviewed by a Project Review Workgroup and ranked according to the number of quantifiable benefits claimed. A scoring methodology has been developed for scoring and ranking projects.
- There is concern with the lack of storm water projects submitted to date. P&P is working to schedule meetings with counties, Self-Help Enterprises, and communities to develop projects for the SWRP project list. Ronnie noted that P&P has not yet reached out to Kings County, but will soon. Eric Osterling suggested that the right person to contact at Kings County would be Greg Gatzka.
- P&P has completed Sections 1 through 5 of the SWRP (i.e. Introduction, Watershed Identification, Compliance with Water Quality Standards, Consultation and Coordination, and Identification and Prioritization of Projects).

#### 5. Next Steps

- Target April 2018 for completion of a draft IRWMP and a draft SWRP.
- Target mid-summer for public review of the IRWMP.

#### 6. Next Meeting

The target month for the next meeting is April 2018.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.